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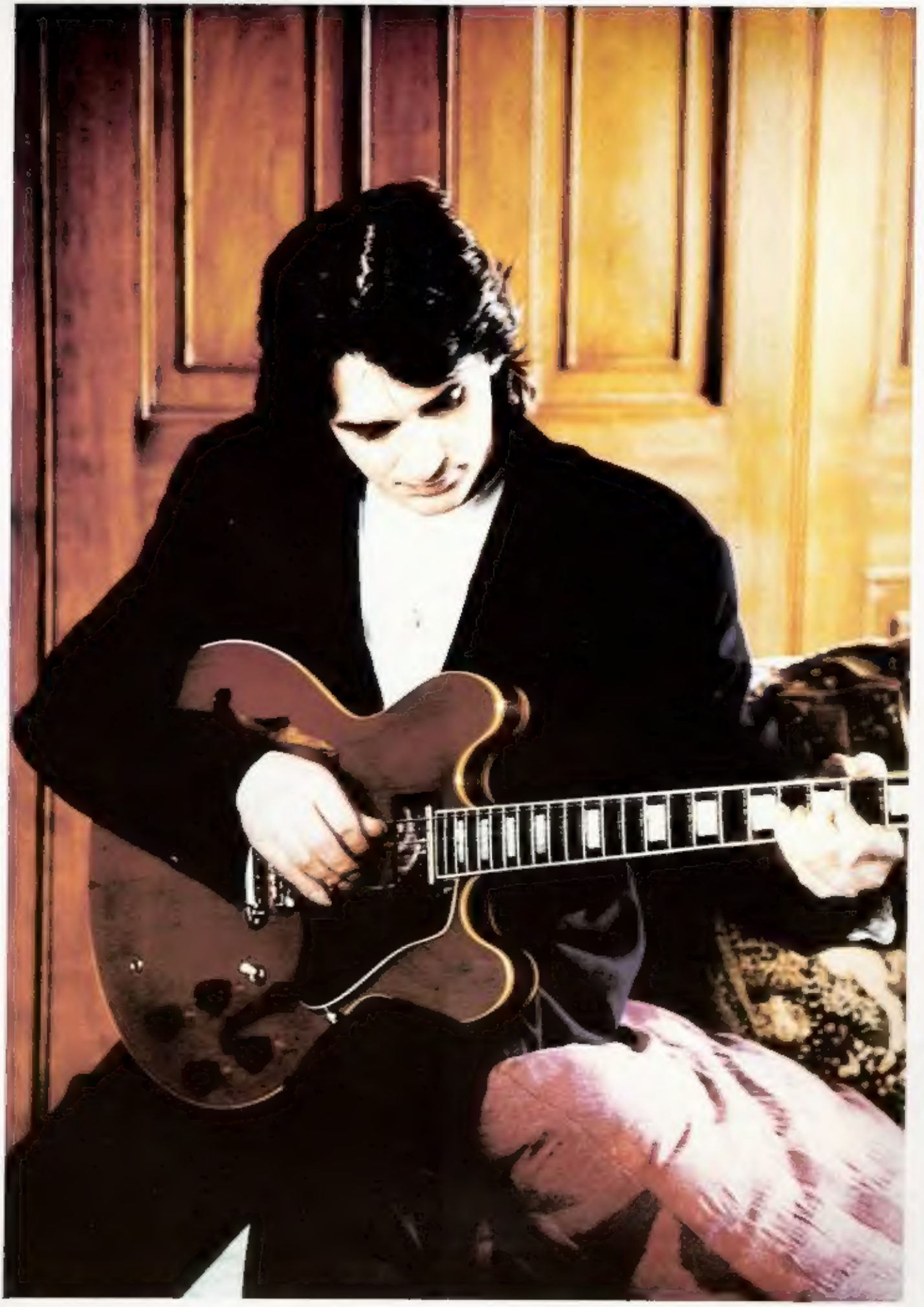
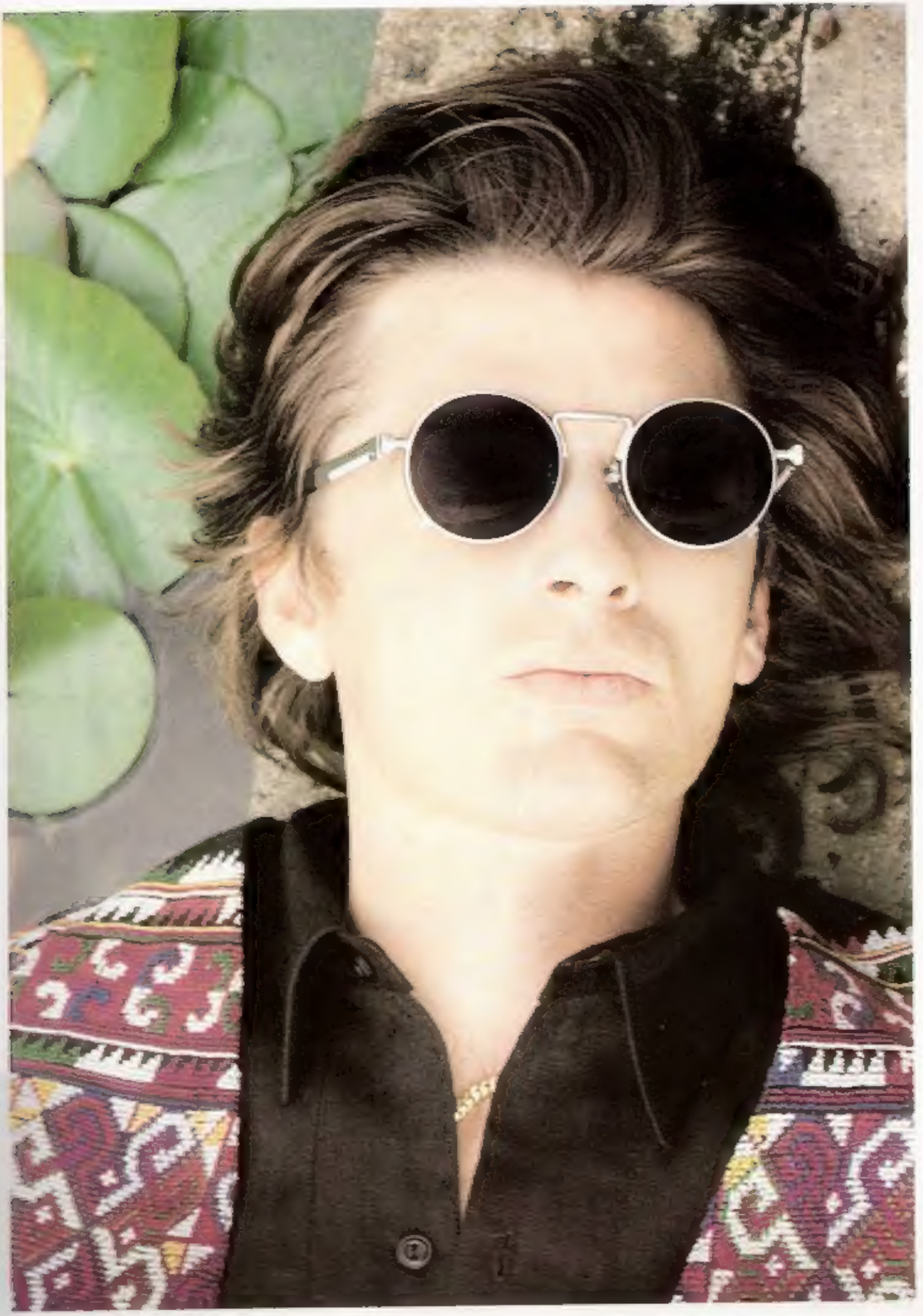
Apart from *Tubular Bells* which is presented in its entirety, this collection is a snap-shot of Mike's work on the Virgin label. That work spans almost two decades in which studio and musical technology have undergone dramatic developments and the world in general has experienced great political and social change. He has described himself as an "ambassador for instrumental music" though his music bears little relationship to the often tuneless New Age style that has done so much damage to the credibility of the long instrumental format.

Through all of this Mike has continued to create and develop his art, constantly exploring every advance in musical technology and incorporating influences and sounds from around the world. Welcome to the first eighteen years' work of one of Britain's greatest composers and instrumentalists.

Richard Newman and Dave Laing





# tubular bells

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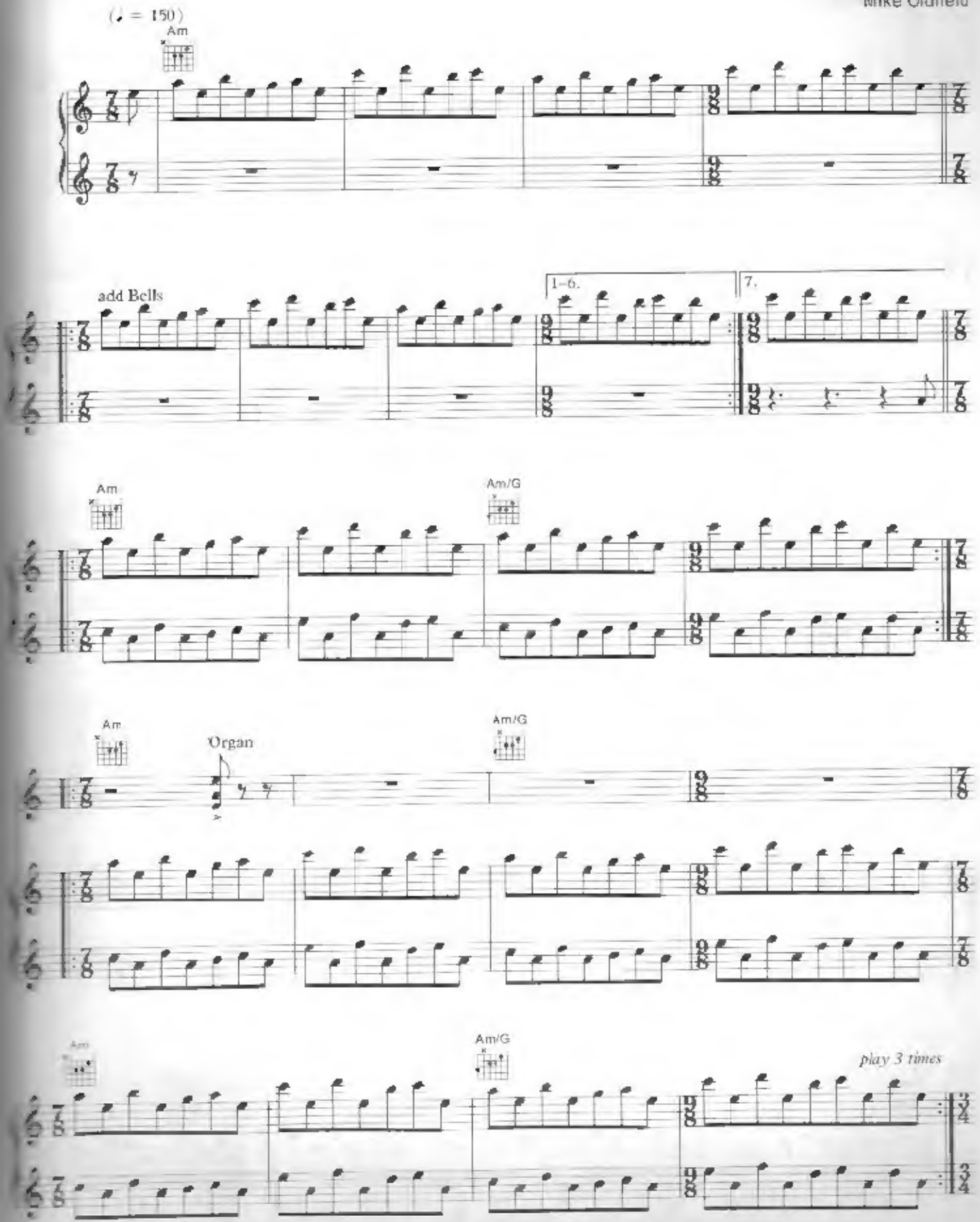


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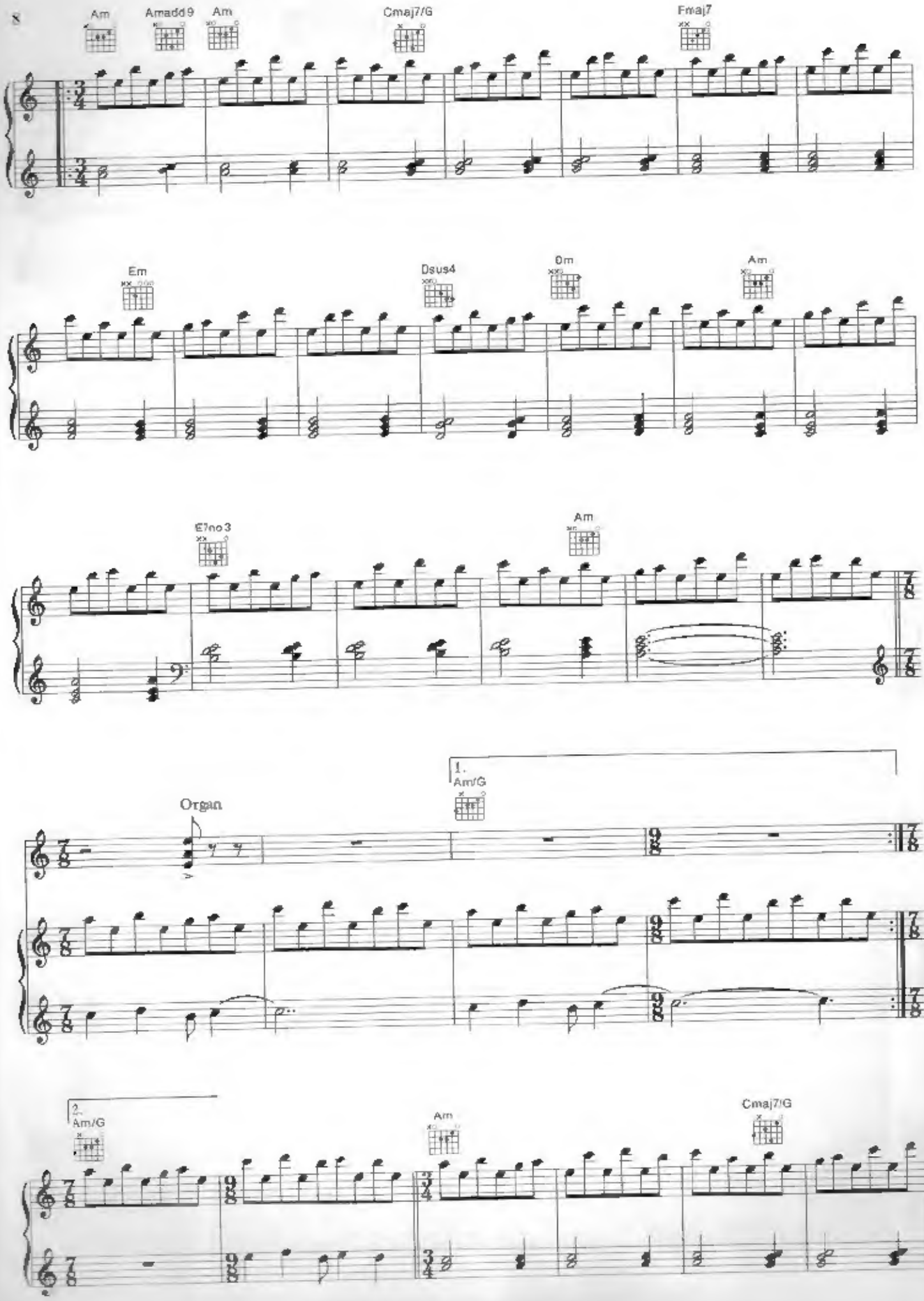
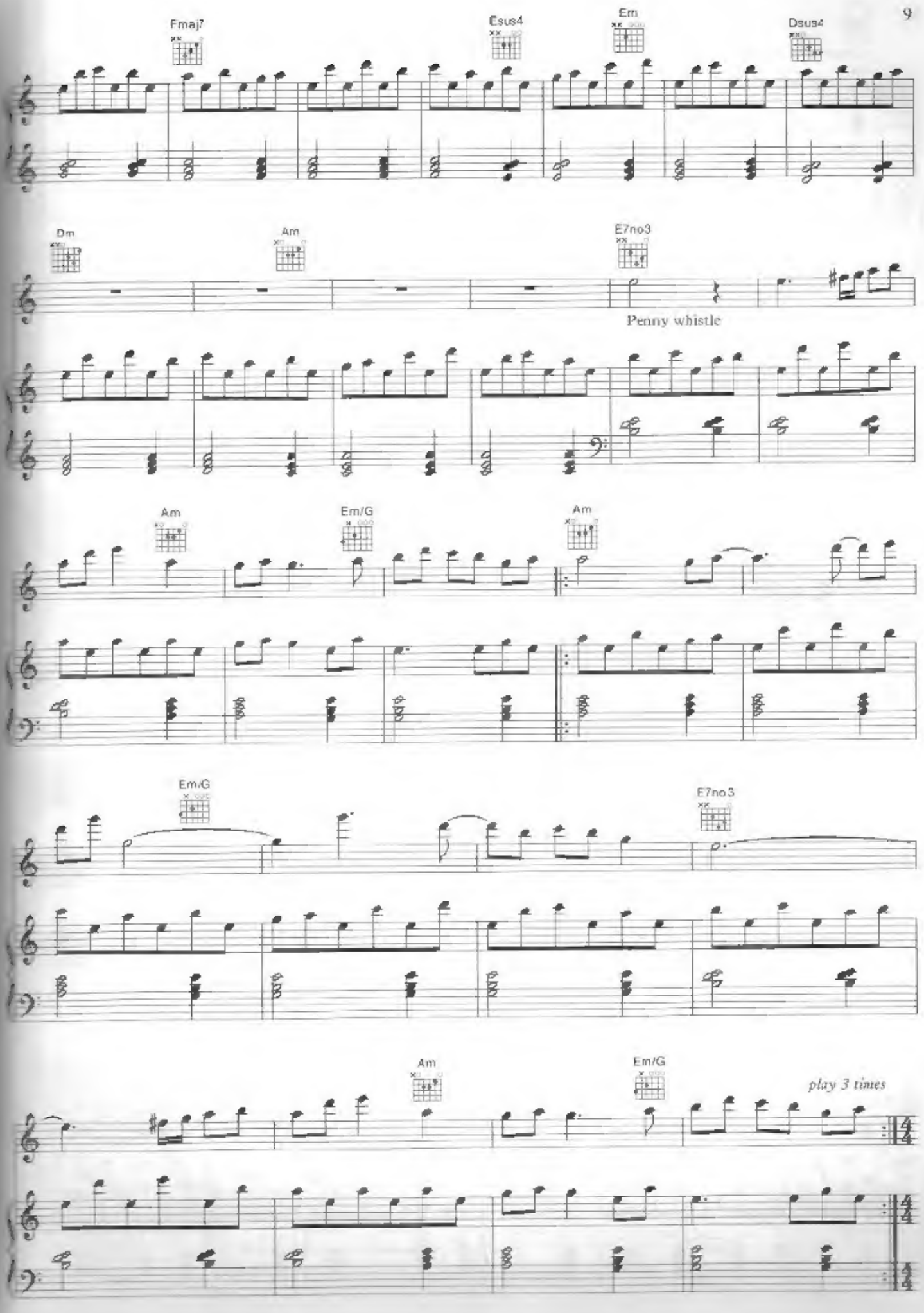
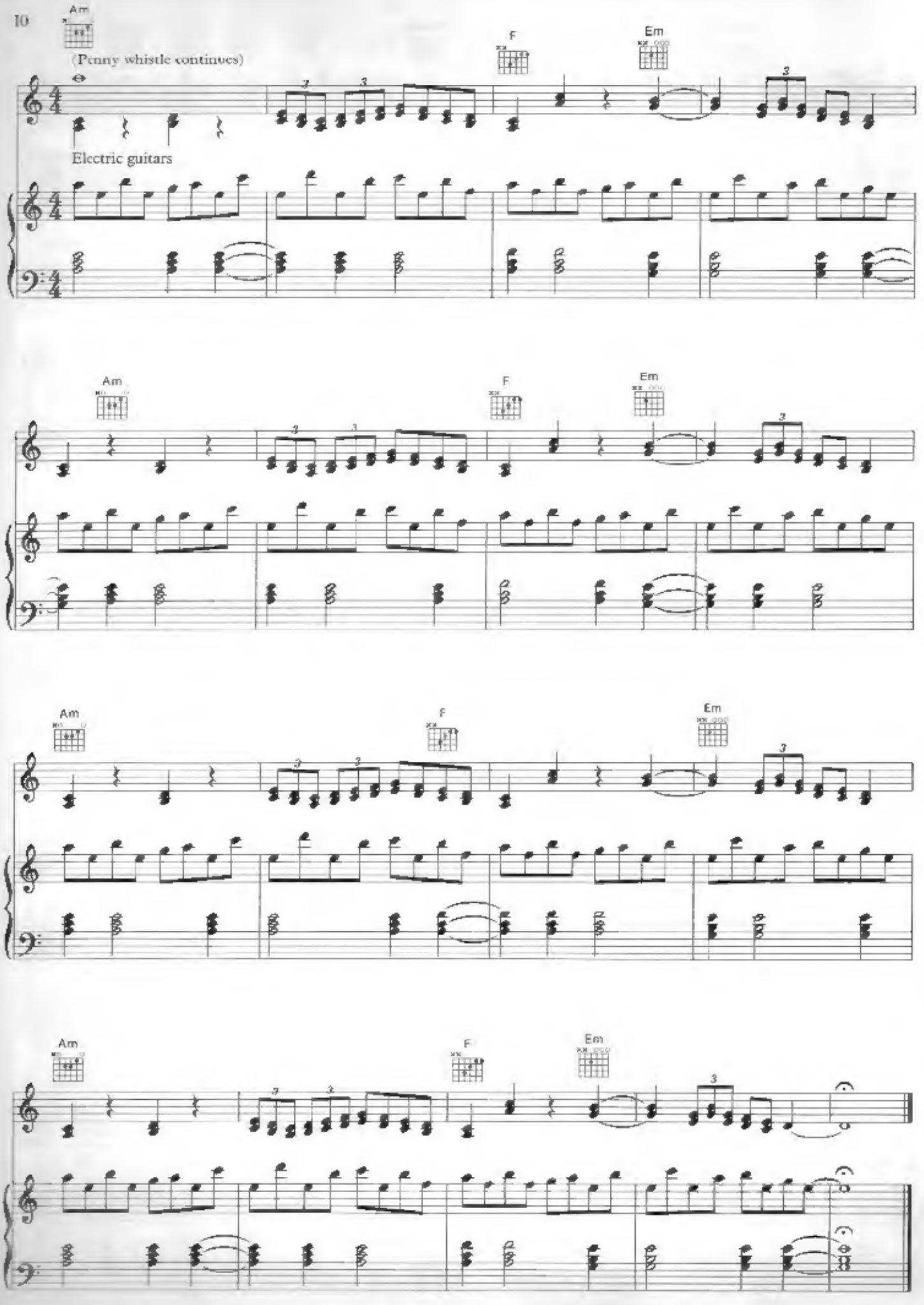

Am
Amadd9
Am
Cmaj7/G
Fmaj7
Em
Dsus4
Dm
Am
E7no3
Am
Organ
1.
Am/G
2.
Am/G
Am
Cmaj7/G


Fmaj7
Esus4
Em
Dsus4
Dm
Am
E7no3
Penny whistle
Am
Em/G
Am
Em/G
E7no3
Am
Em/G
play 3 times


Am
F
Em
(Penny whistle continues)
Electric guitars

# family man

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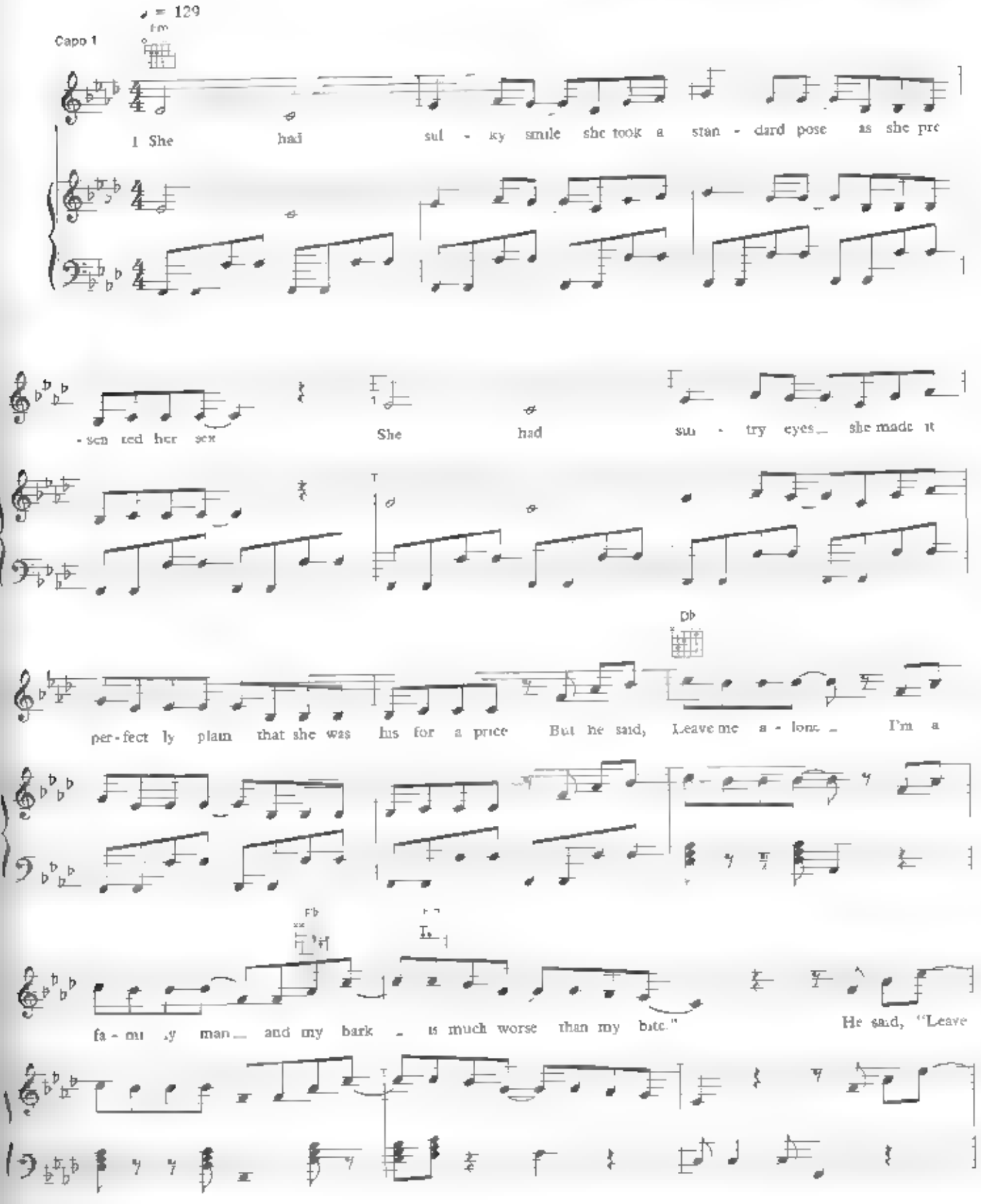
Mike Oldfield, Mike Frye, Tim Cross,
Richard Fenn, Maggie Reilly and Morris Pert

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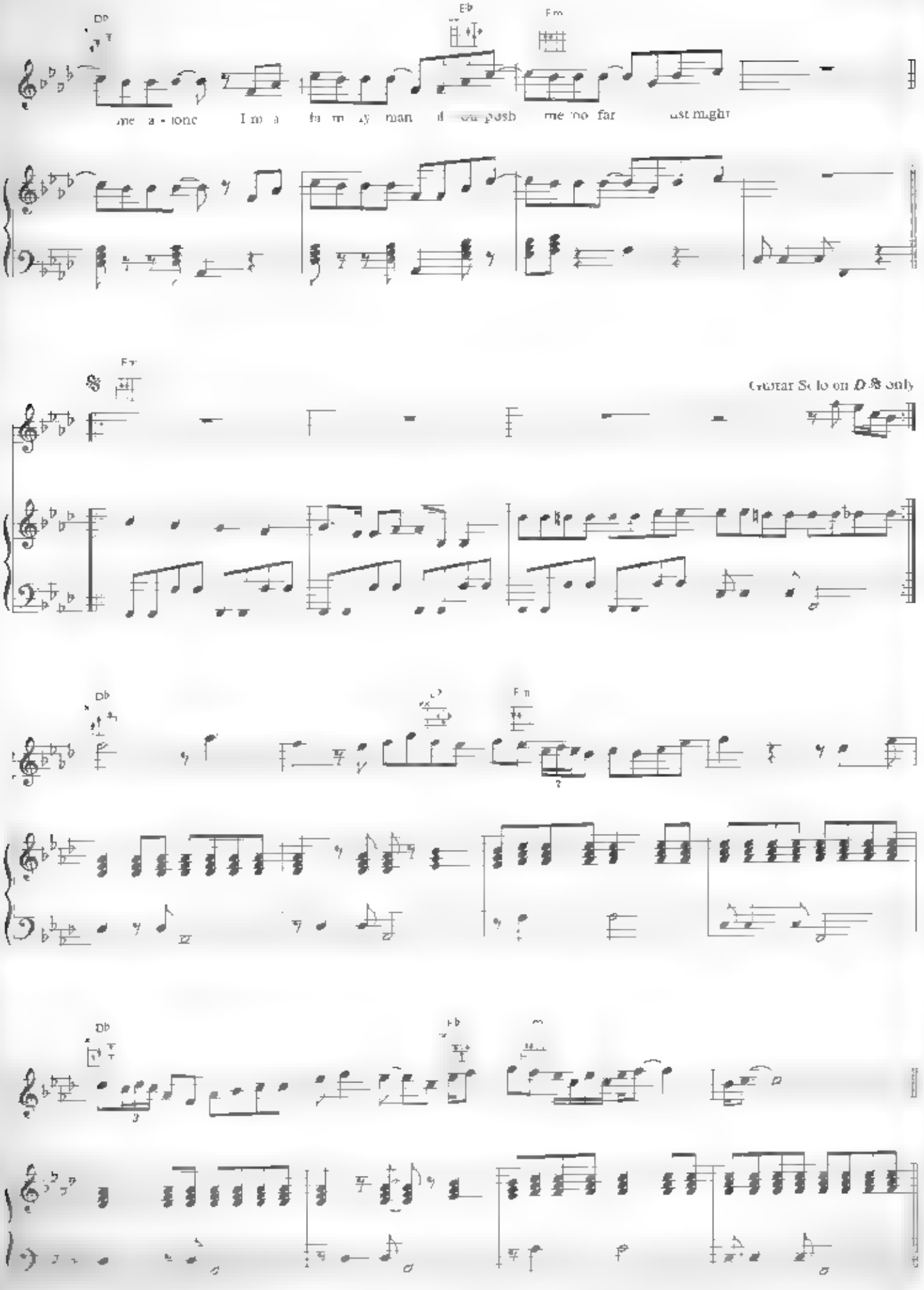
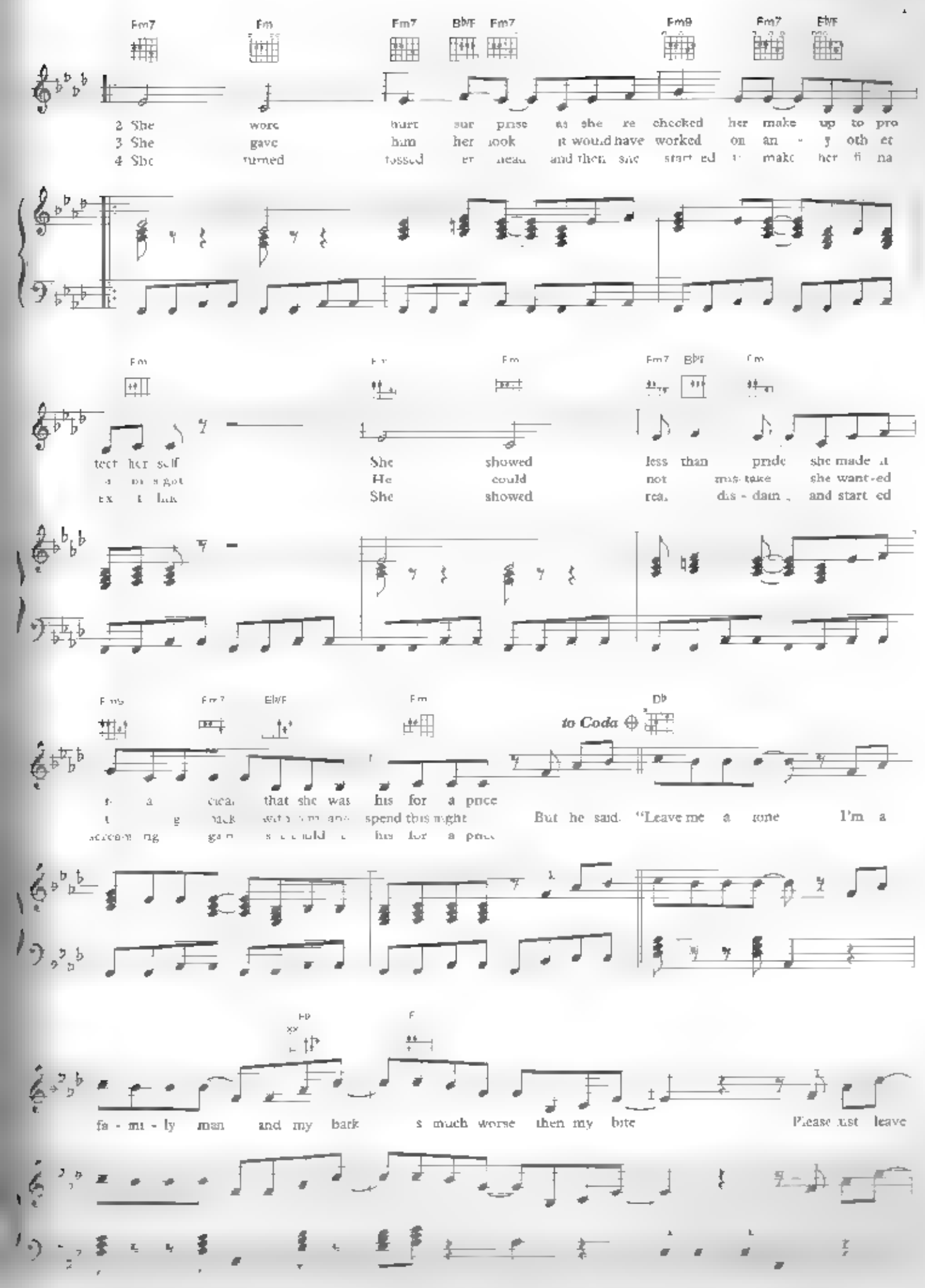
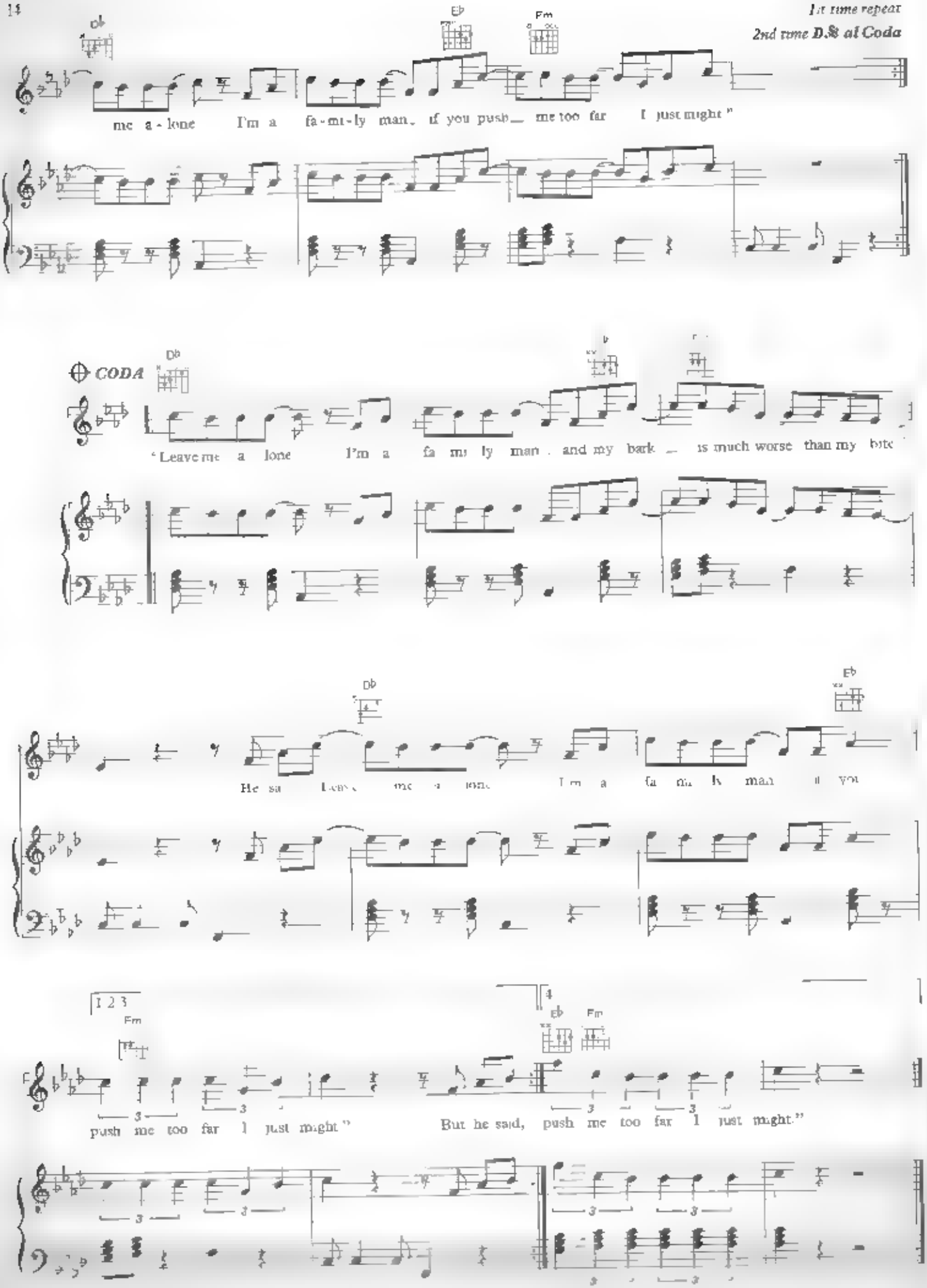

Db
Eb
Fm
me a - lone I'm a fa m ly man if you push me too far last night
Fm
Guitar Solo on D.S. only
Db
Fm
Db
Eb
m


Fm7 Fm Fm7 B♭/F Fm7 Fm9 Fm7 E♭/F
2 She wore hurt sur prise as she re checked her make up to pro
3 She gave him her look it would have worked on an - y oth er
4 She turned tossed er head and then she start ed to make her fi na
Fm Fm Fm Fm7 B♭7 Cm
tect her self She showed less than pride she made it
s got He could not mis-take she want-ed
ex t link She showed rea- dis - dain and start ed
Fm5 Fm7 E♭/F Fm D♭
to Coda
t a clear that she was his for a price
t g back with him and spend this night But he said "Leave me a lone I'm a
ng gain she could his for a price
E♭ F
fa - mi - ly man and my bark s much worse then my bite Please just leave


1st time repeat
2nd time D.S. al Coda
Db
Eb
Fm
me a - lone I'm a fa - mi - ly man, if you push me too far I just might"
CODA
Db
"Leave me a lone I'm a fa mi ly man . and my bark is much worse than my bite
Db
Eb
He sa Leave me a lone I'm a fa mi ly man if you
1 2 3
Fm
push me too far I just might"
4
Eb
Fm
But he said, push me too far I just might."

# moonlight shadow

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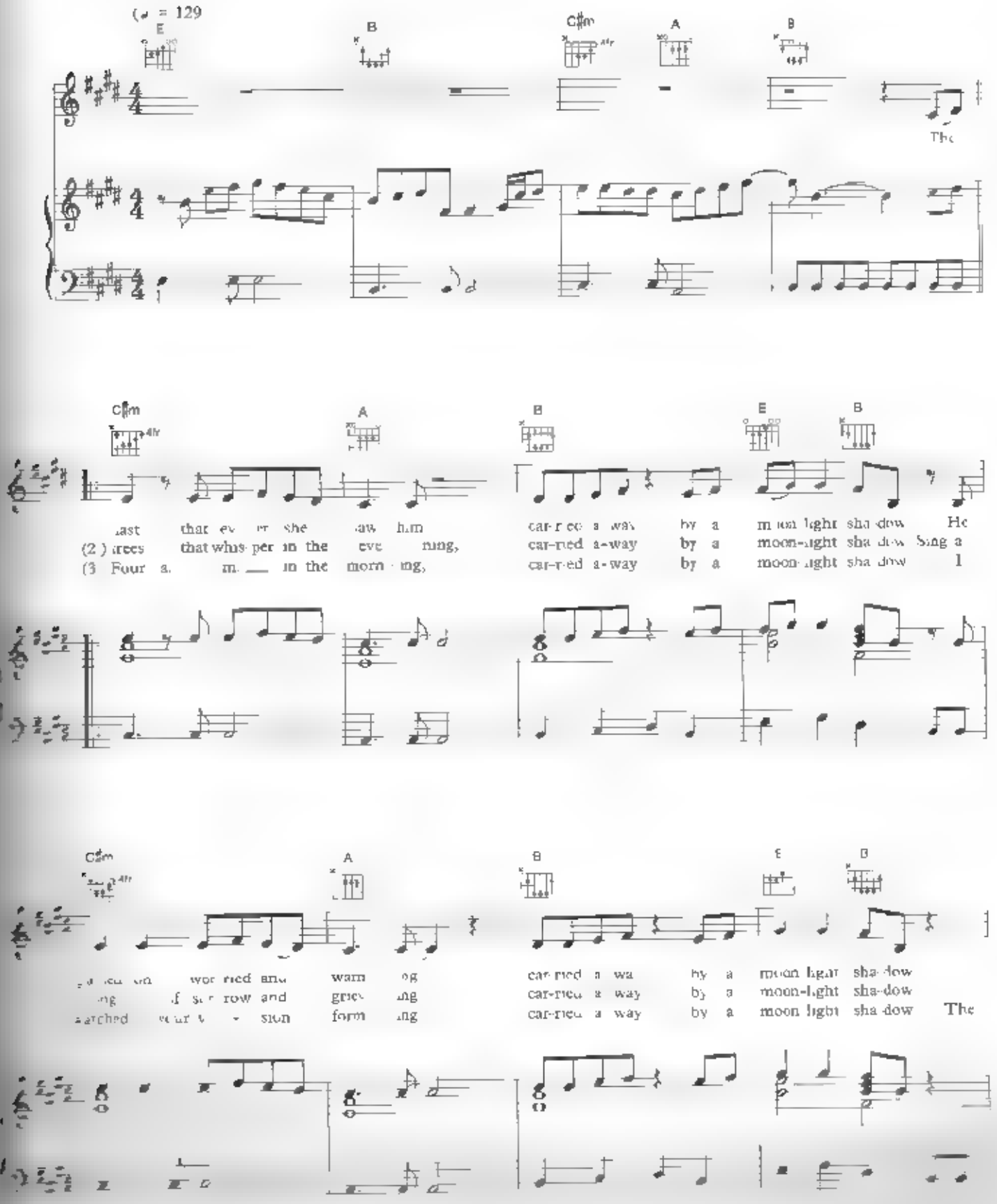


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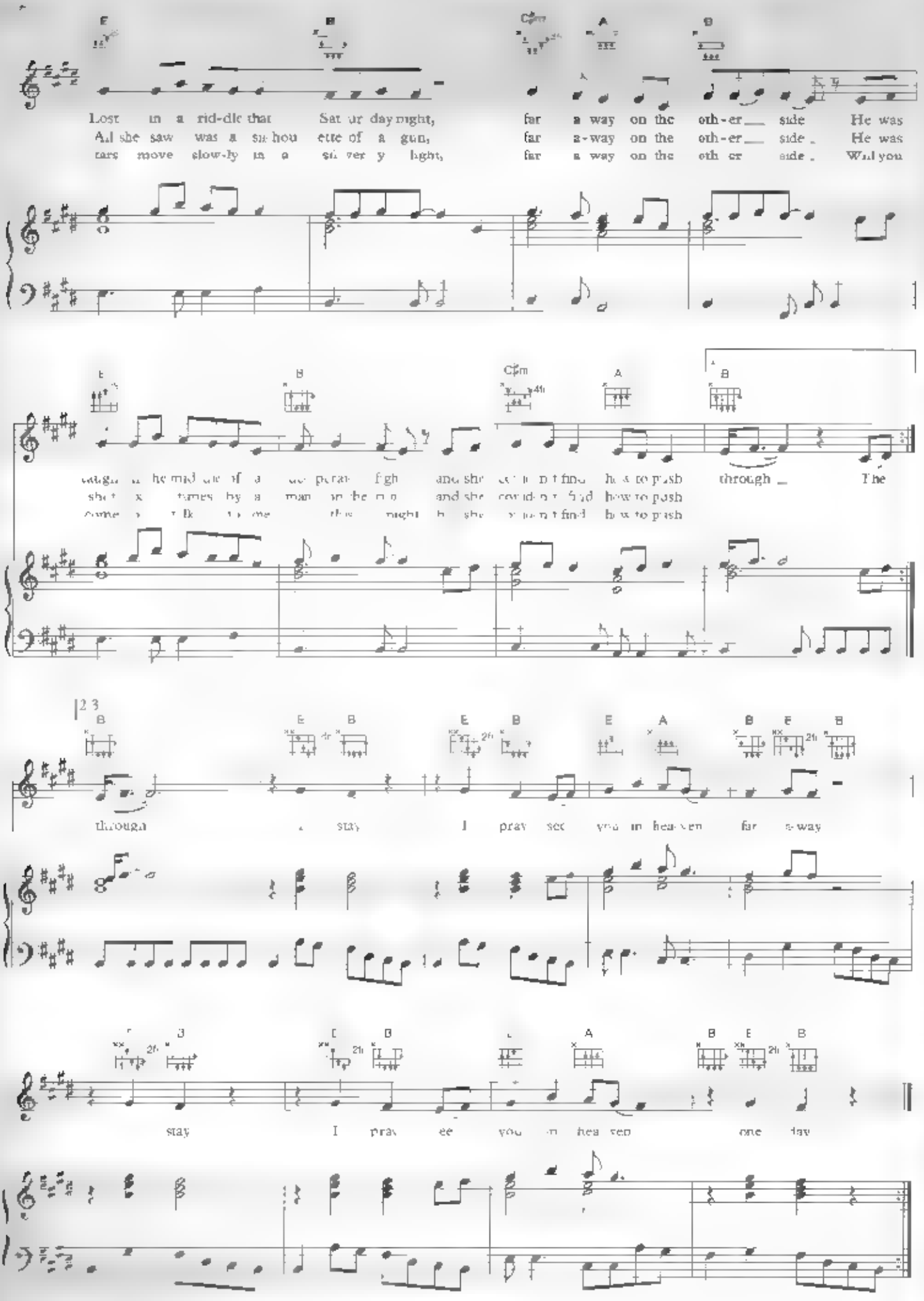
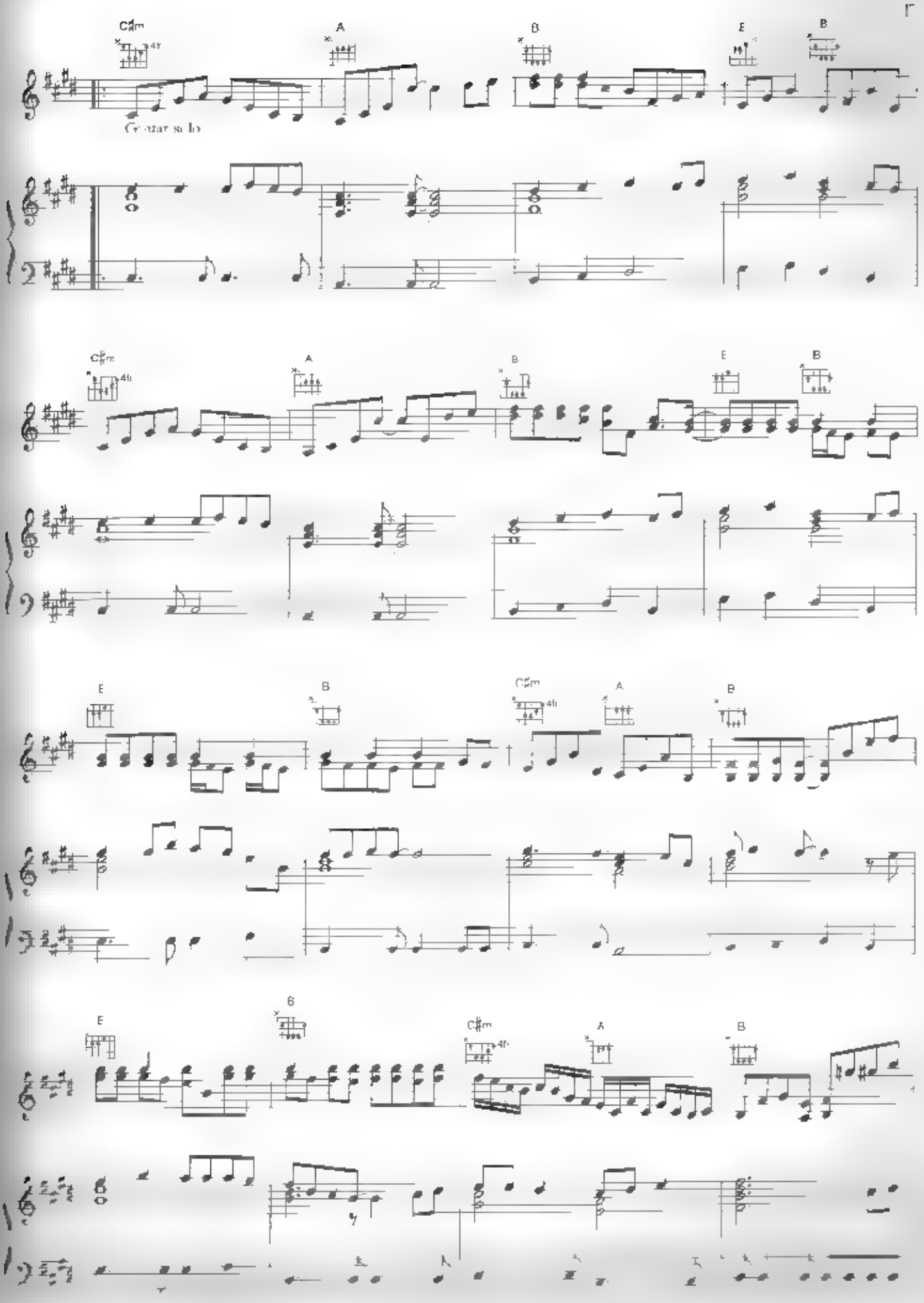
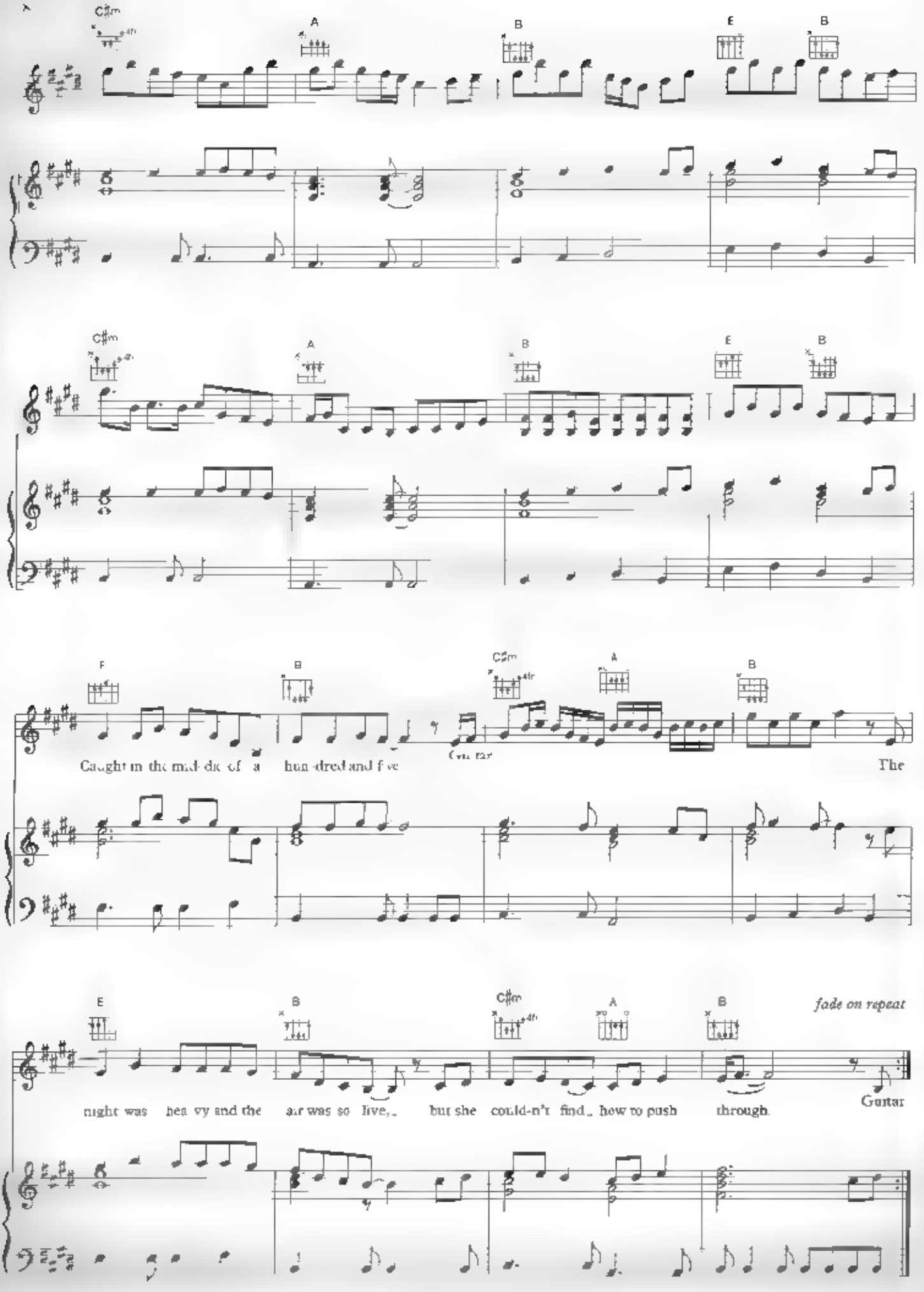

E B C♯m A B
Lost in a rid-dle that Sat ur day night, far a way on the oth-er side He was
All she saw was a si-hou ette of a gun, far a-way on the oth-er side. He was
tars move slow-ly in a si ver y light, far a way on the oth er side. Will you
E B C♯m A B
through The
E B E B E A B E B
through stay I pray see you in hea-ven far a-way
B E B A B E B
stay I pray ee you in hea ven one day


C♯m
A
B
E
B
Guitar solo
C♯m
A
B
E
B
E
B
C♯m
A
B
E
6
C♯m
A
B


C♯m
A
B
E
B
C♯m
A
B
E
B
F
B
C♯m
A
B
Caught in the mid-dle of a hun-dred and five
Gui tar
The
E
B
C♯m
A
B
fade on repeat
night was hea vy and the air was so live,_ but she could-n't find_ how to push through.
Guitar

# heaven's open

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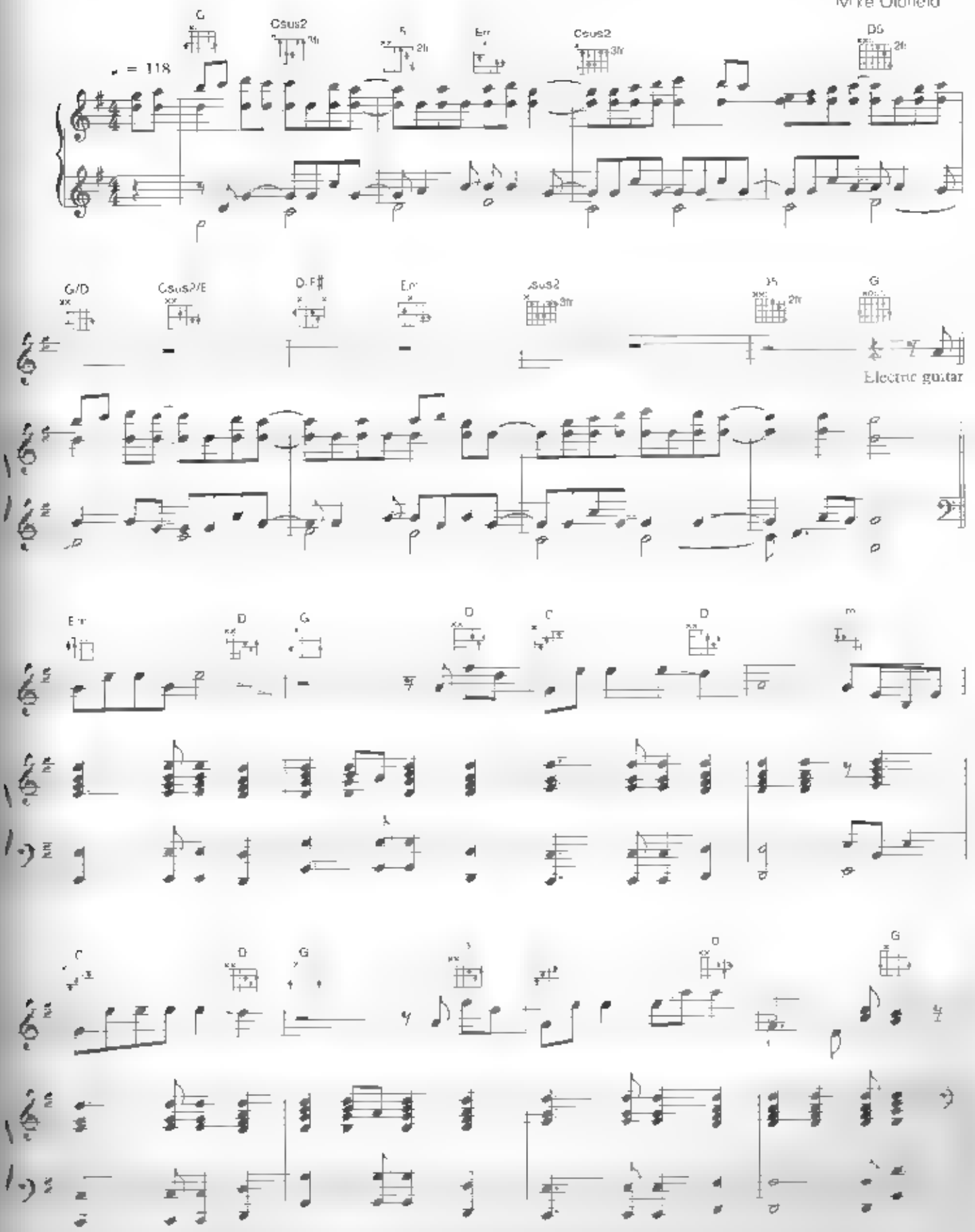


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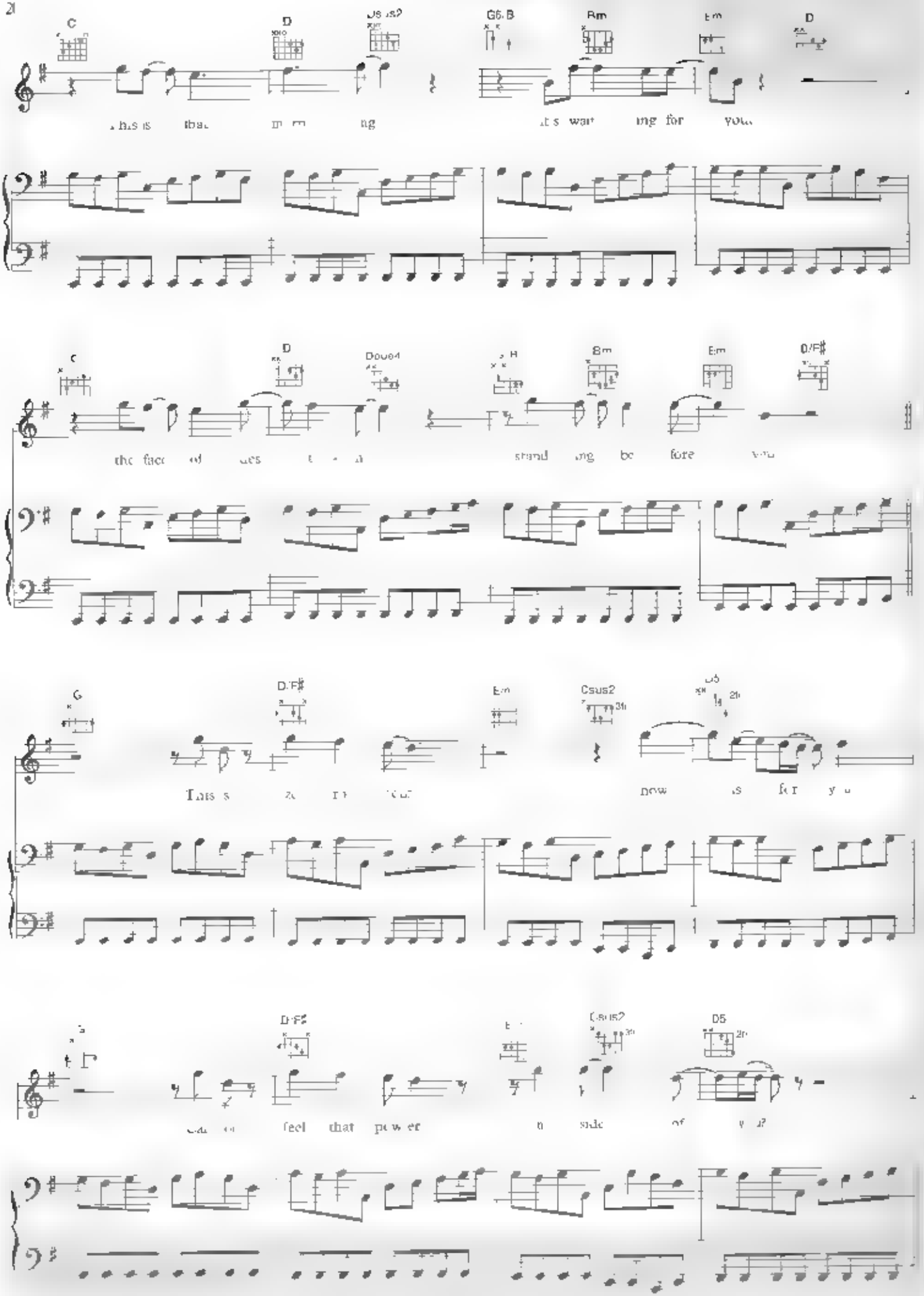
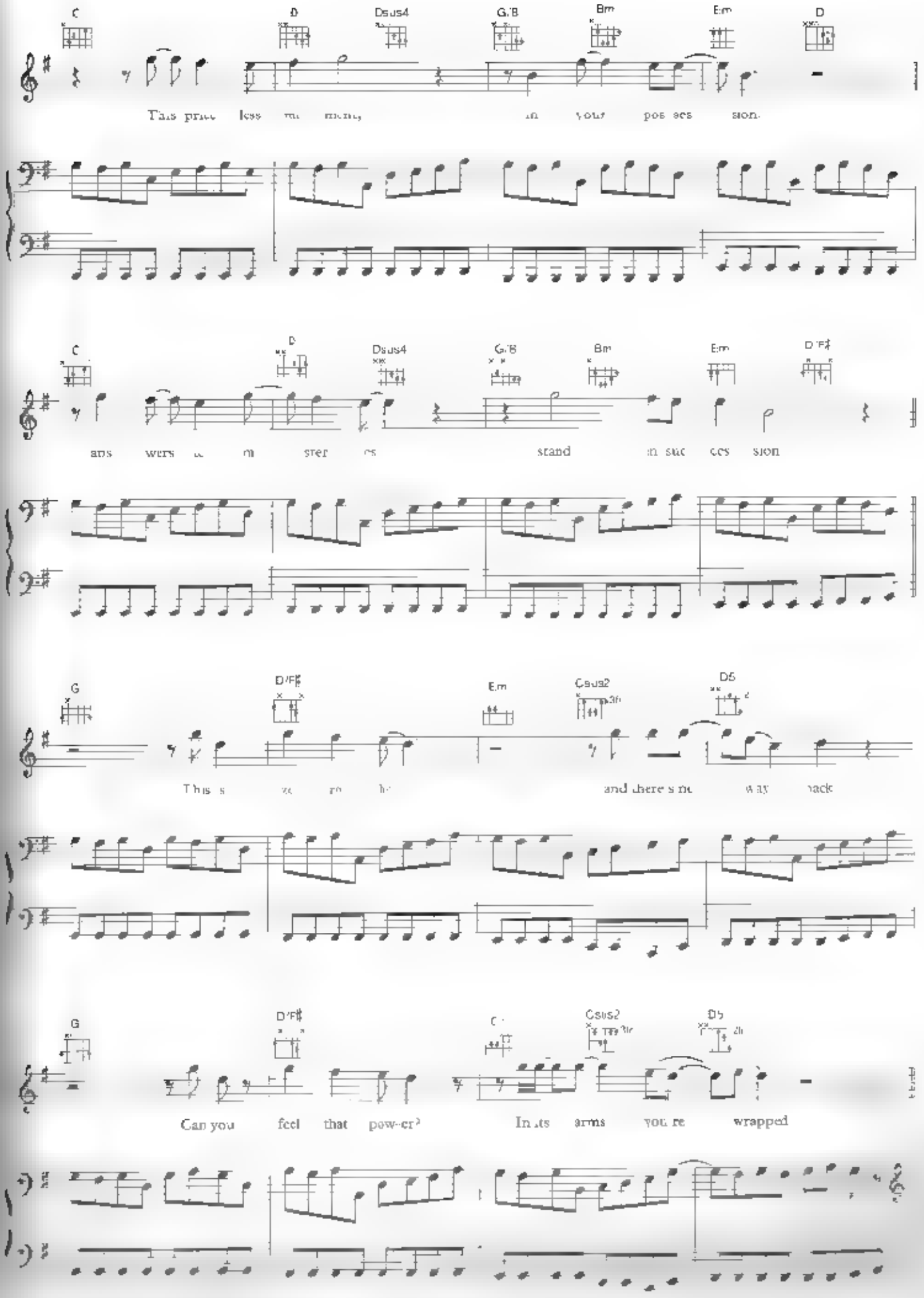
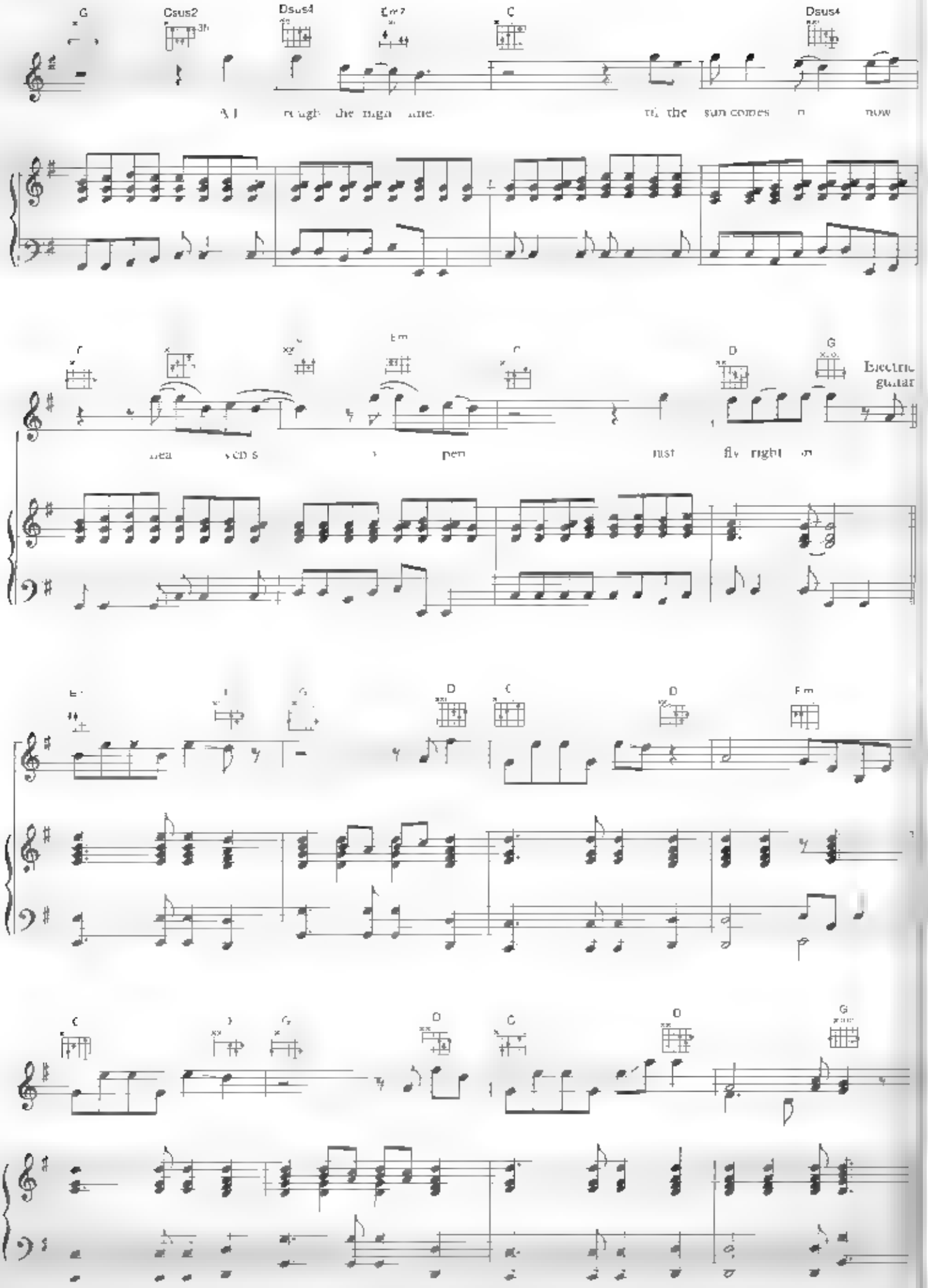
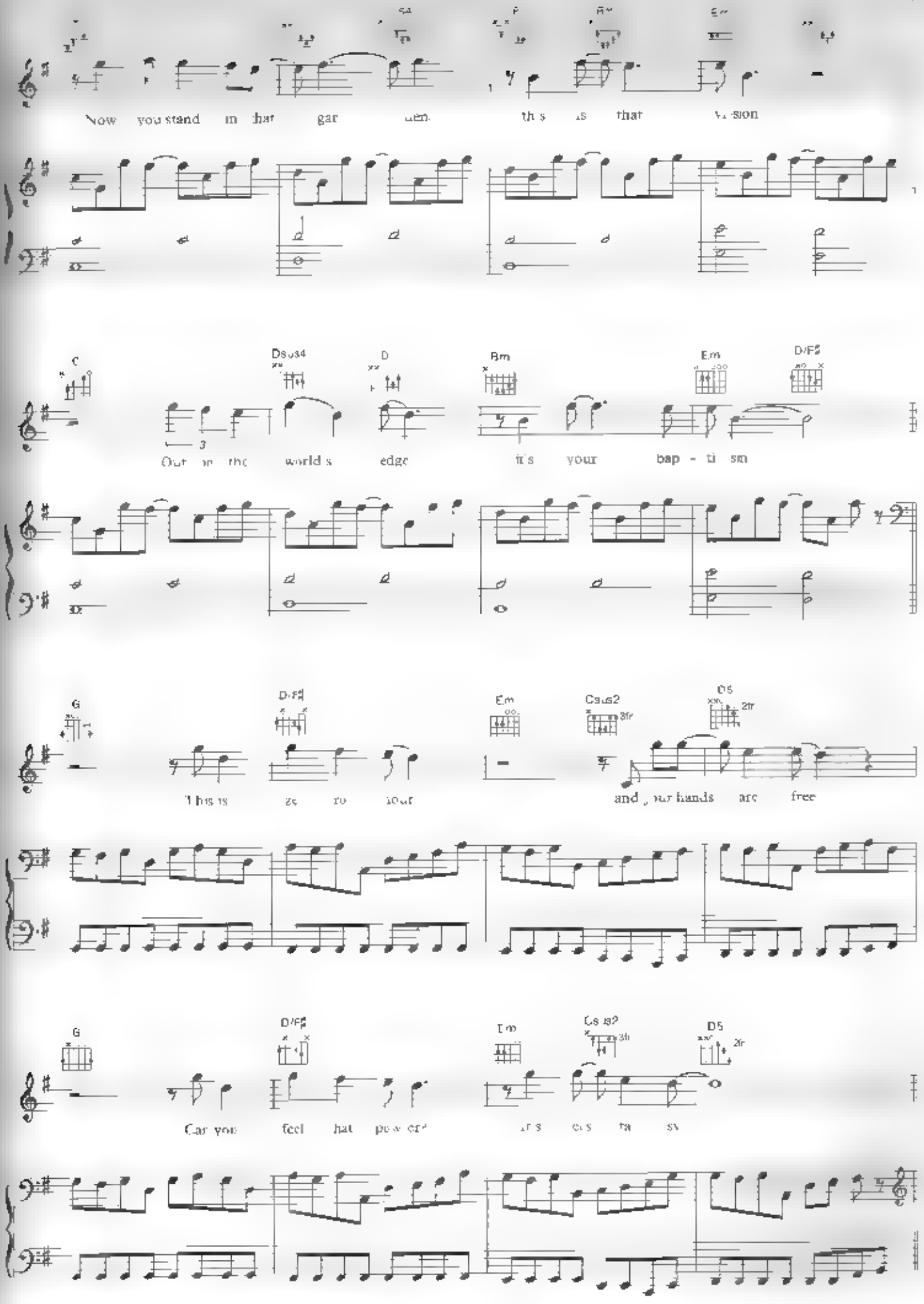
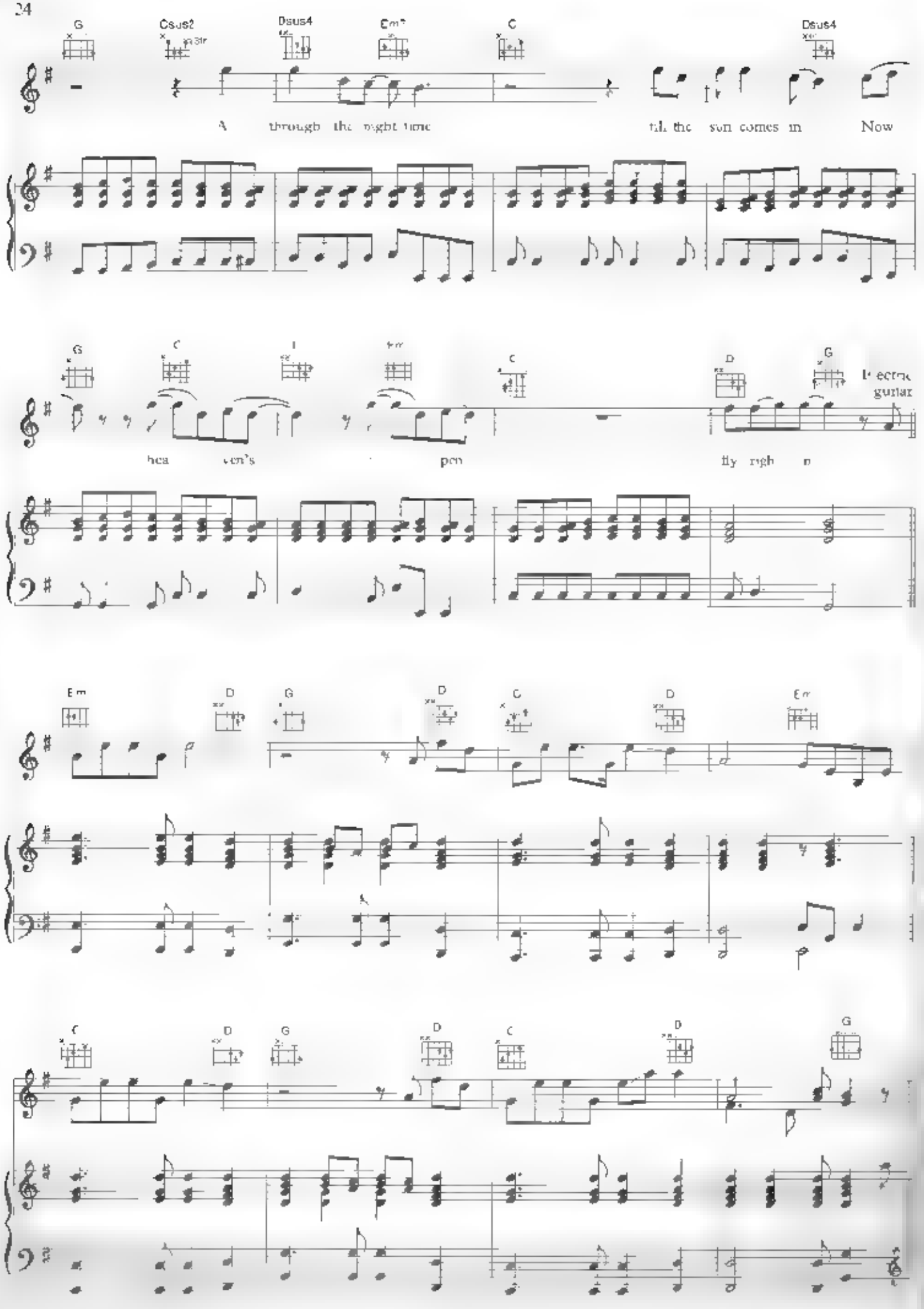

C
D
Dsus2
G6/B
Bm
Em
D
this is that mo ment it's wait ing for you
C
D
Dsus4
B
Bm
Em
D/F#
the face of ages stand ing be fore you
G
D/F#
Em
Csus2
D5
This is my mo ment now is for you
D/F#
Csus2
D5
feel that power in side of you


C
D
Dsus4
G/B
Bm
Em
D
This price less me mories in your pos ses sion.
C
D
Dsus4
G/B
Bm
Em
D/F♯
ans wers to mi ster ies stand in suc ces sion
G
D/F♯
Em
Csus2
D5
This is yo ur ho me and there's no way back
G
D/F♯
C
Csus2
D5
Can you feel that pow-er? In its arms you re wrapped


G
Csus2
Dsus4
C
Dsus4
Al ough the nga ame
ti the sun comes n now
Em
C
D
G
Electric guitar
lea s CD s pen just fly right on
Em
D
C
D
Em
C
D
C
D
G


Now you stand in that gar den this is that ver sion
C
Dsus4
D
Bm
Em
D/F♯
Our on the world s edge it's your bap - ti sm
G
D/F♯
Em
Csus2
D5
This is ze ro hour and your hands are free
G
D/F♯
Em
Csus2
D5
Can you feel that pow er? It's ec sta sy


G
Csus2
Dsus4
Em7
C
Dsus4
A through the night time
til the sun comes in
Now
G
C
Em
C
D
G
Electric guitar
hea ven's
pen
fly righ n
Em
D
G
D
C
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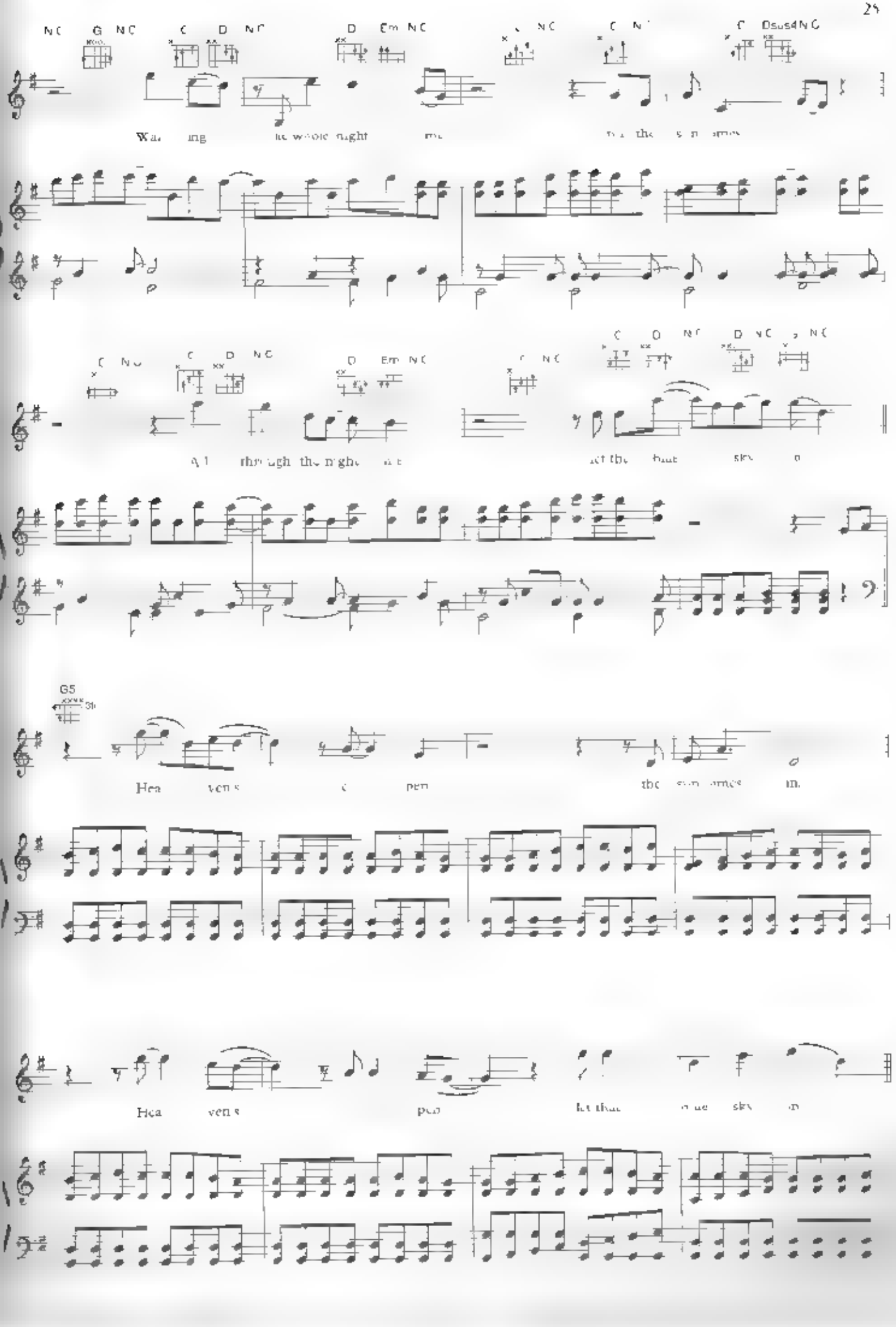
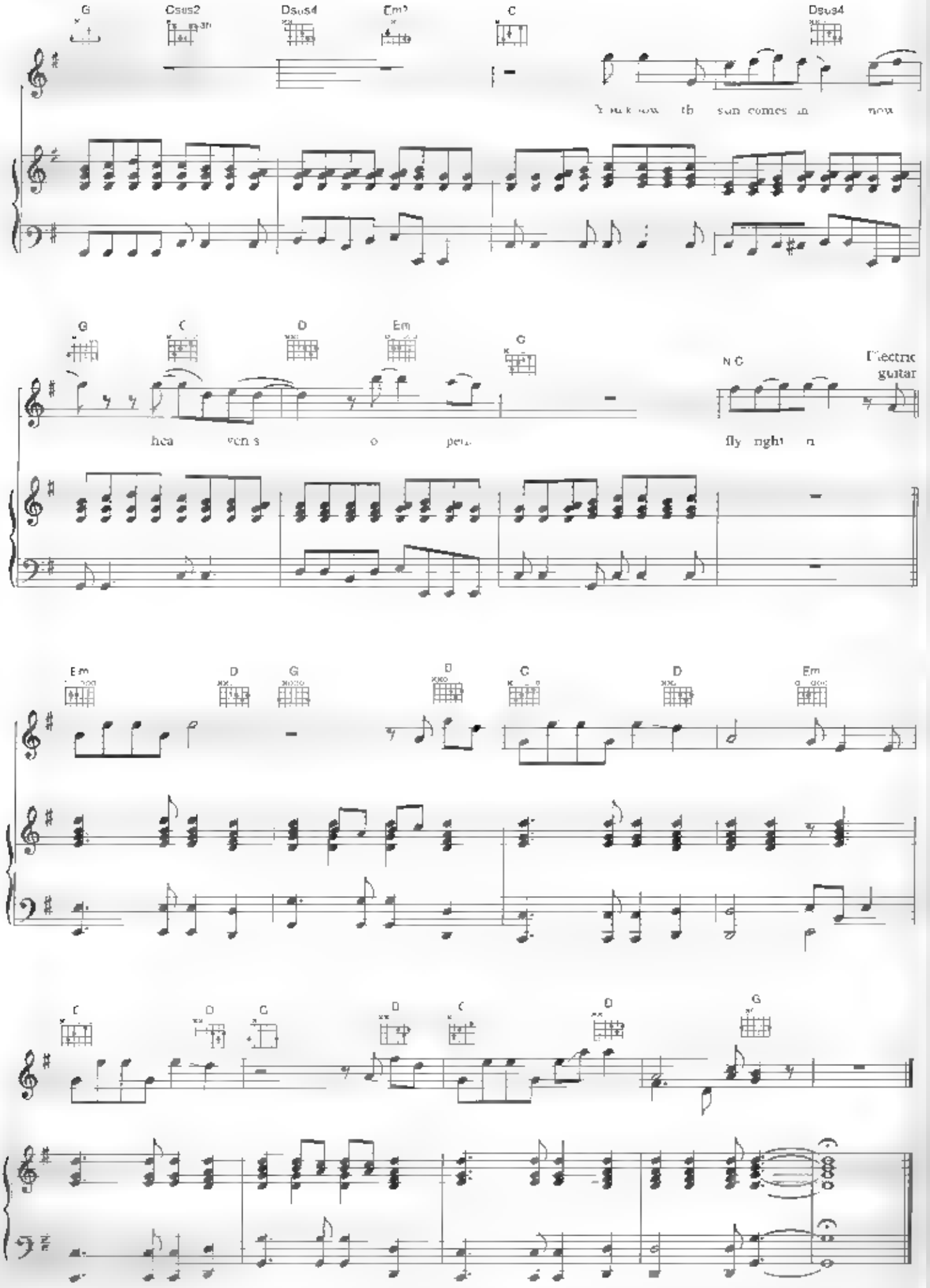
Em
C
D
G
D
C
D
G


NC G NC C D NC D Em NC C NC C D Dsus4 NC
Wa ing he whole night
C NC C D NC D Em NC C NC C D NC D NC
G5
Hea vens
pen
Hea vens
pen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Csus2
Dsus4
Em7
C
Dsus4
G
C
D
Em
C
N C
Electric guitar
Em
D
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D
C
D
Em
C
D
G
D
C
D
G

# five miles out

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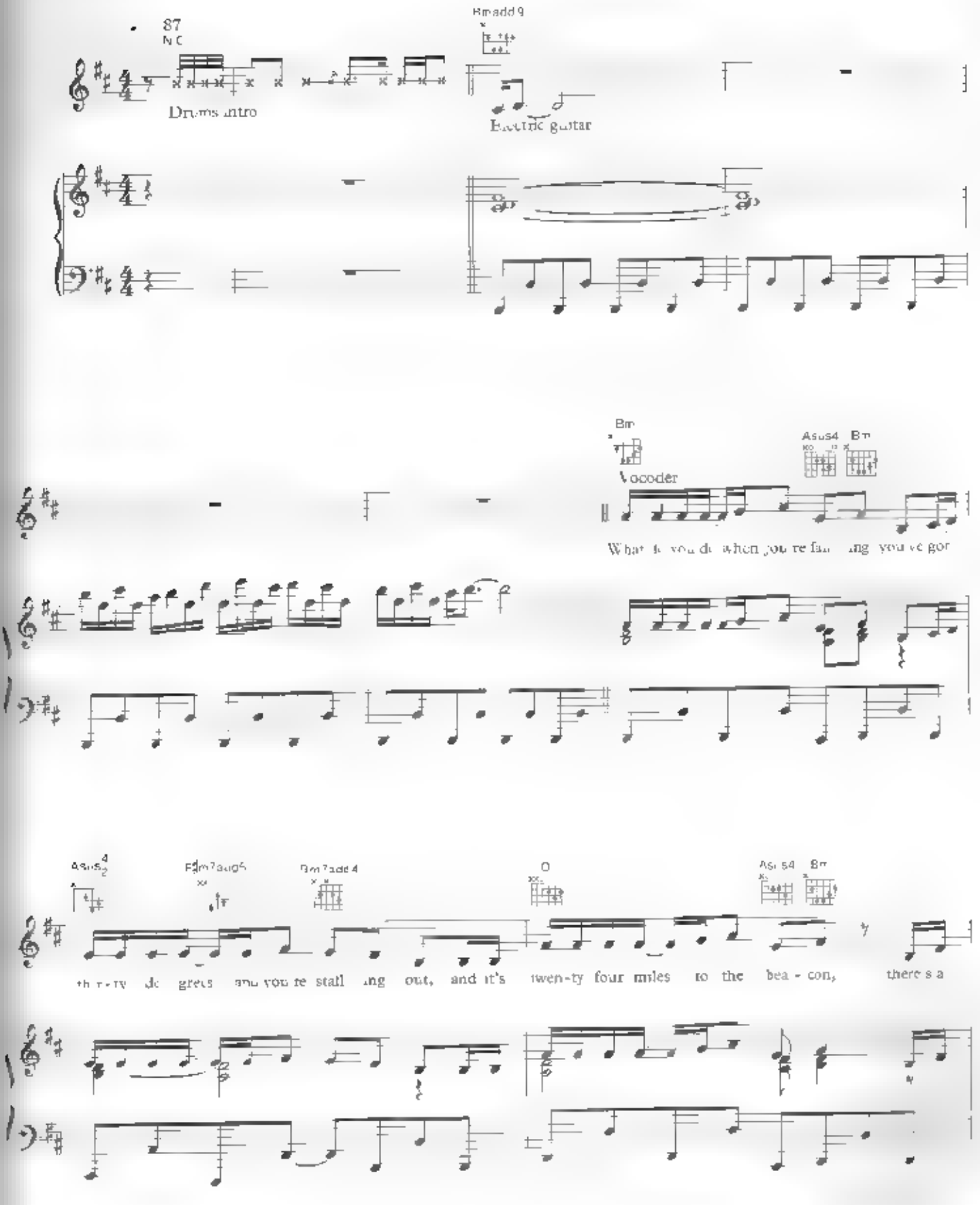


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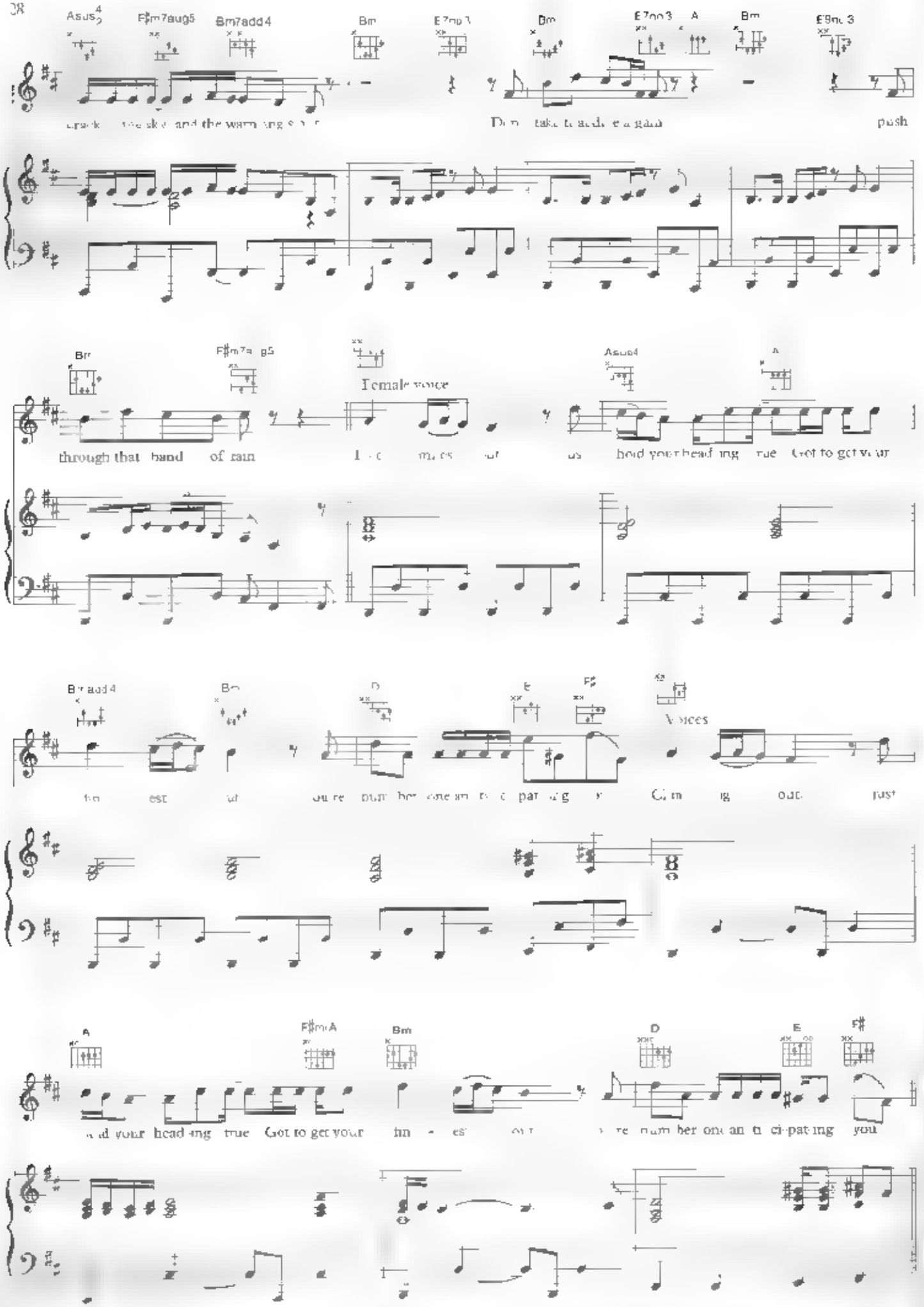
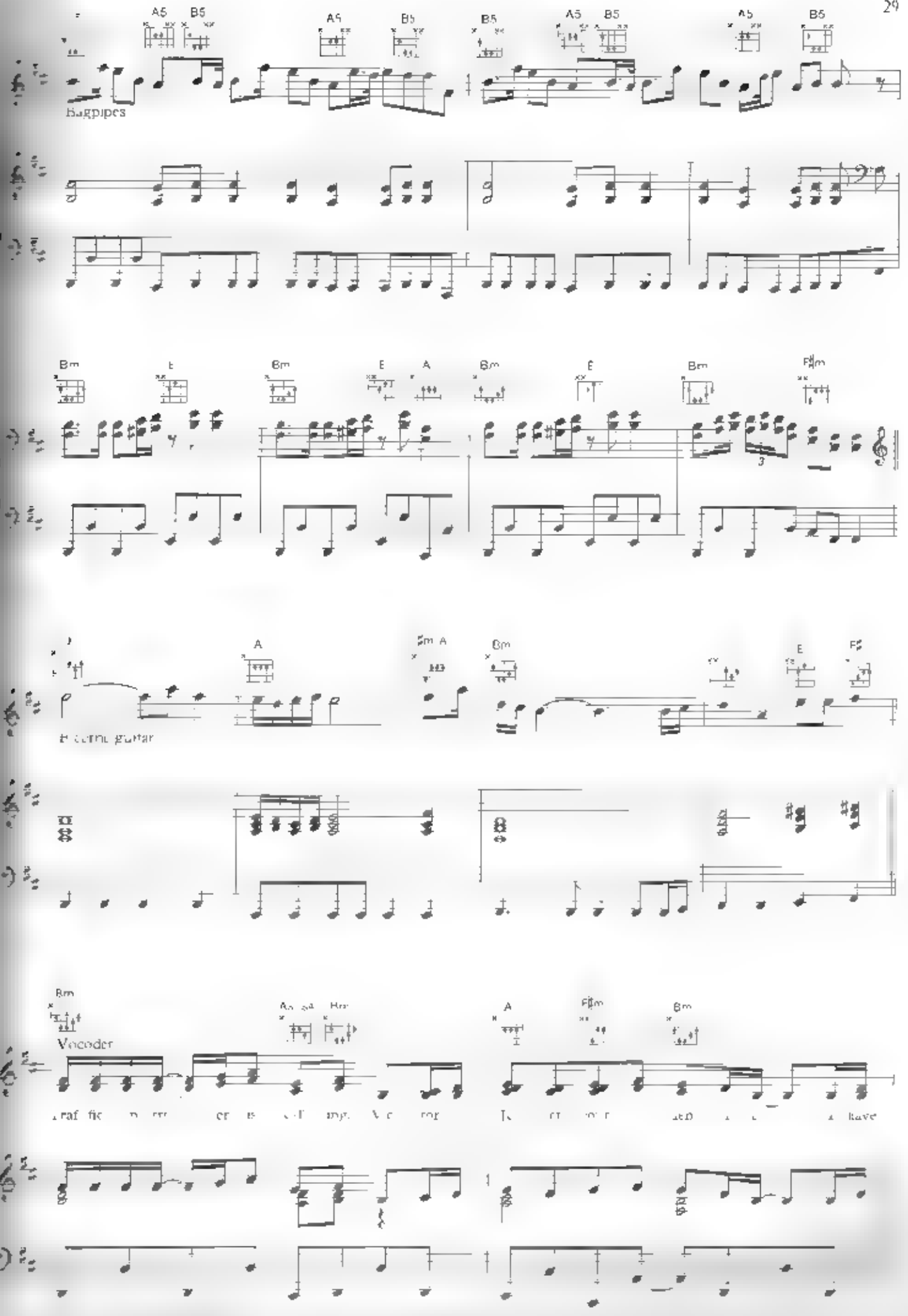
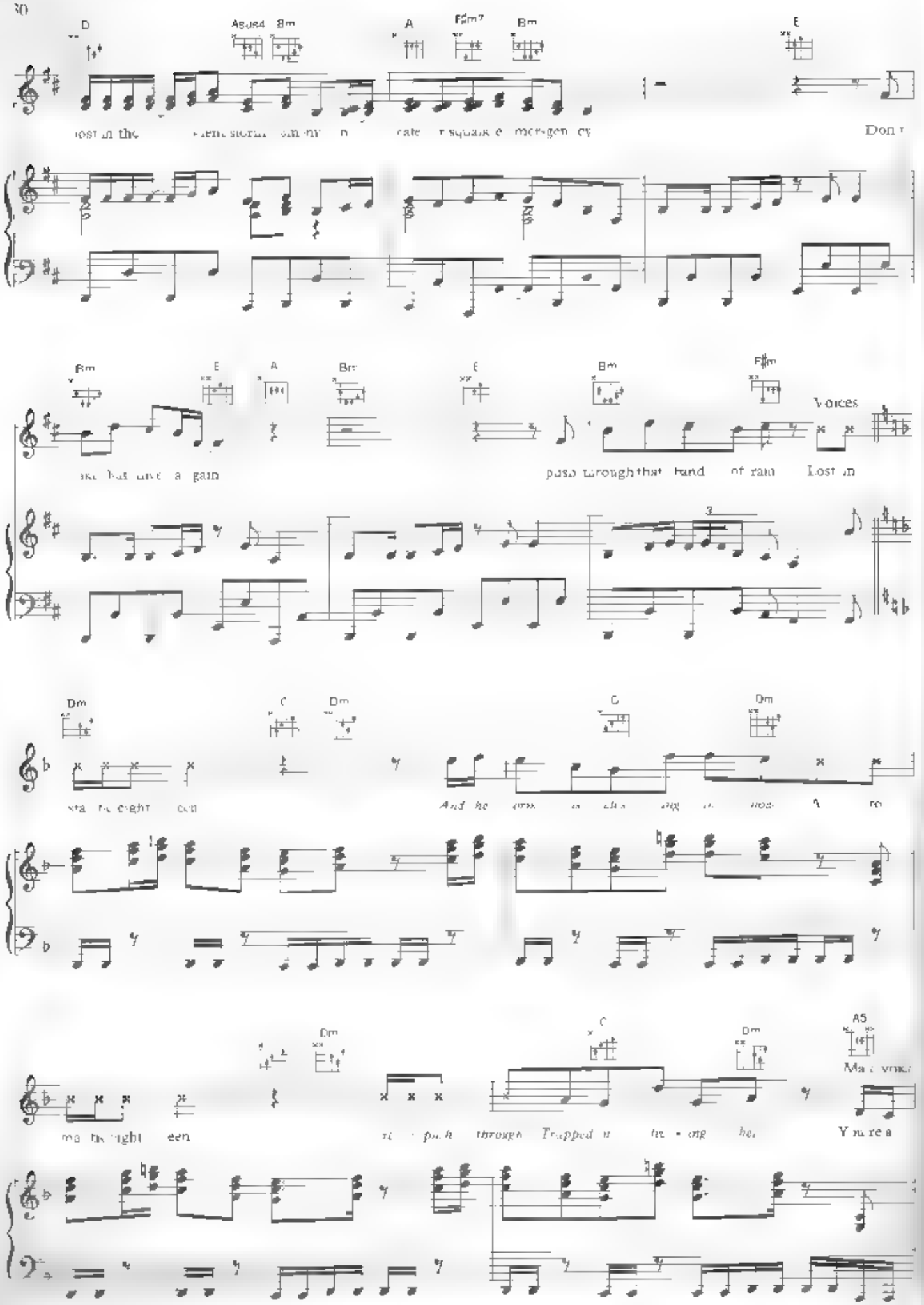
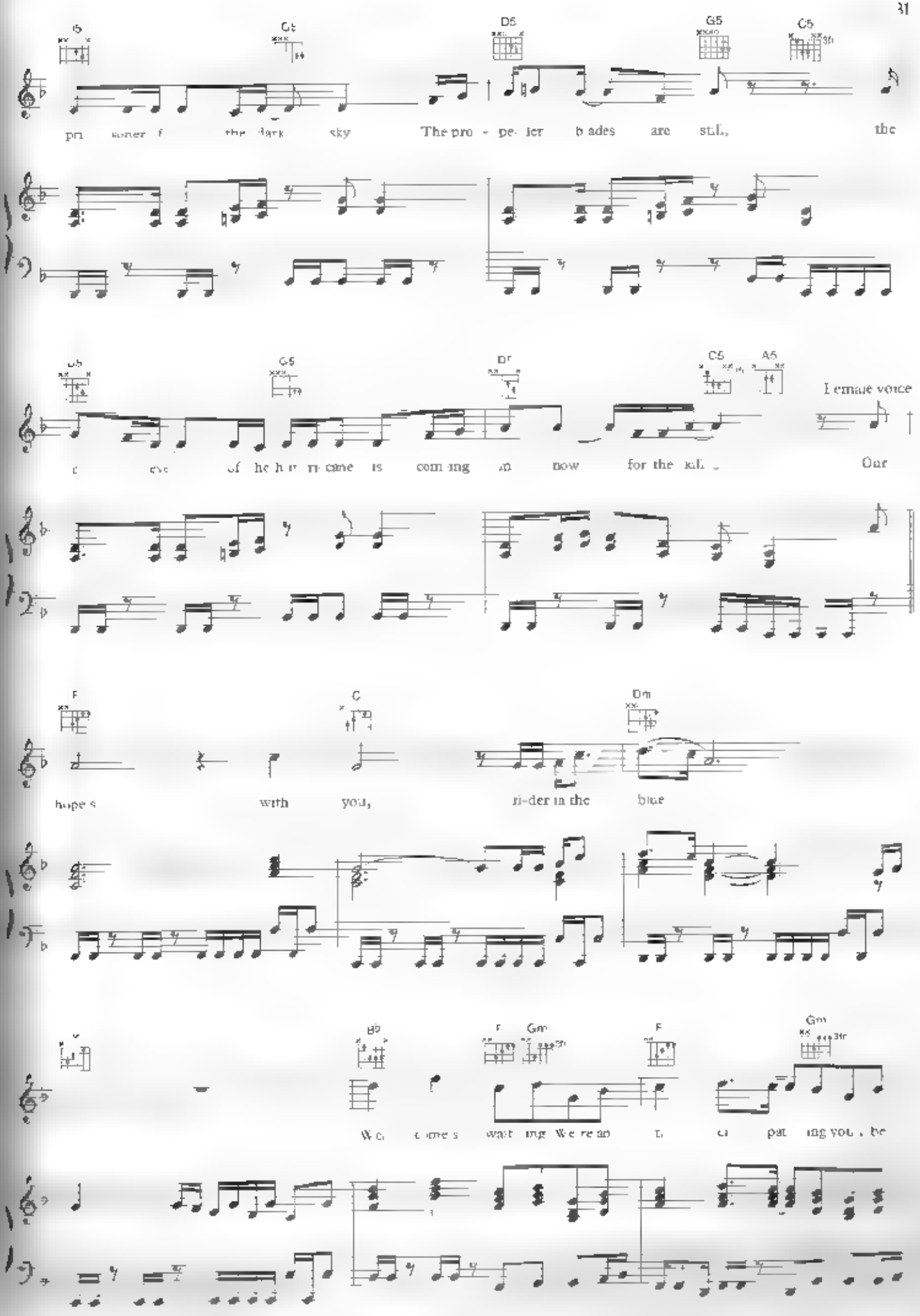
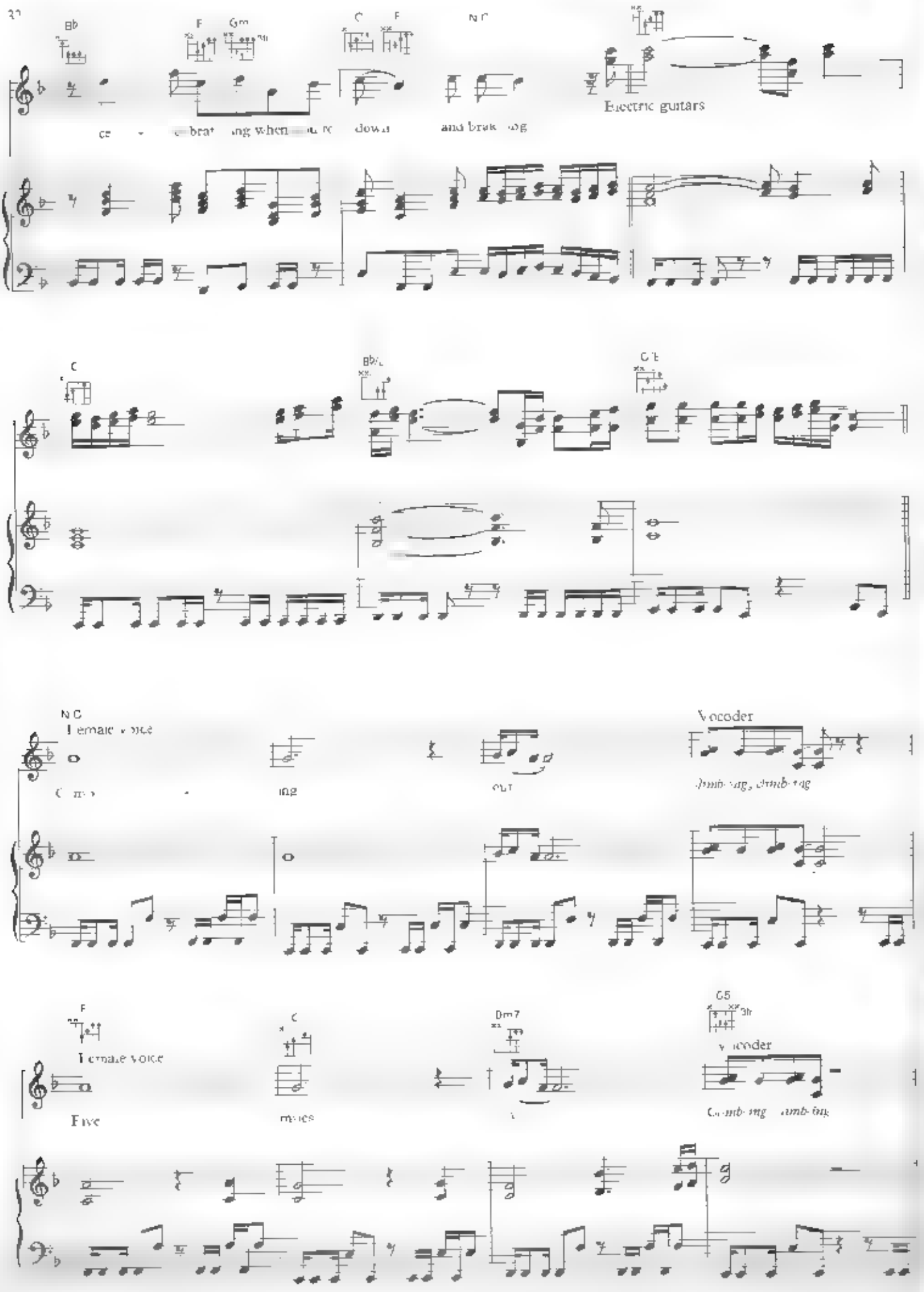
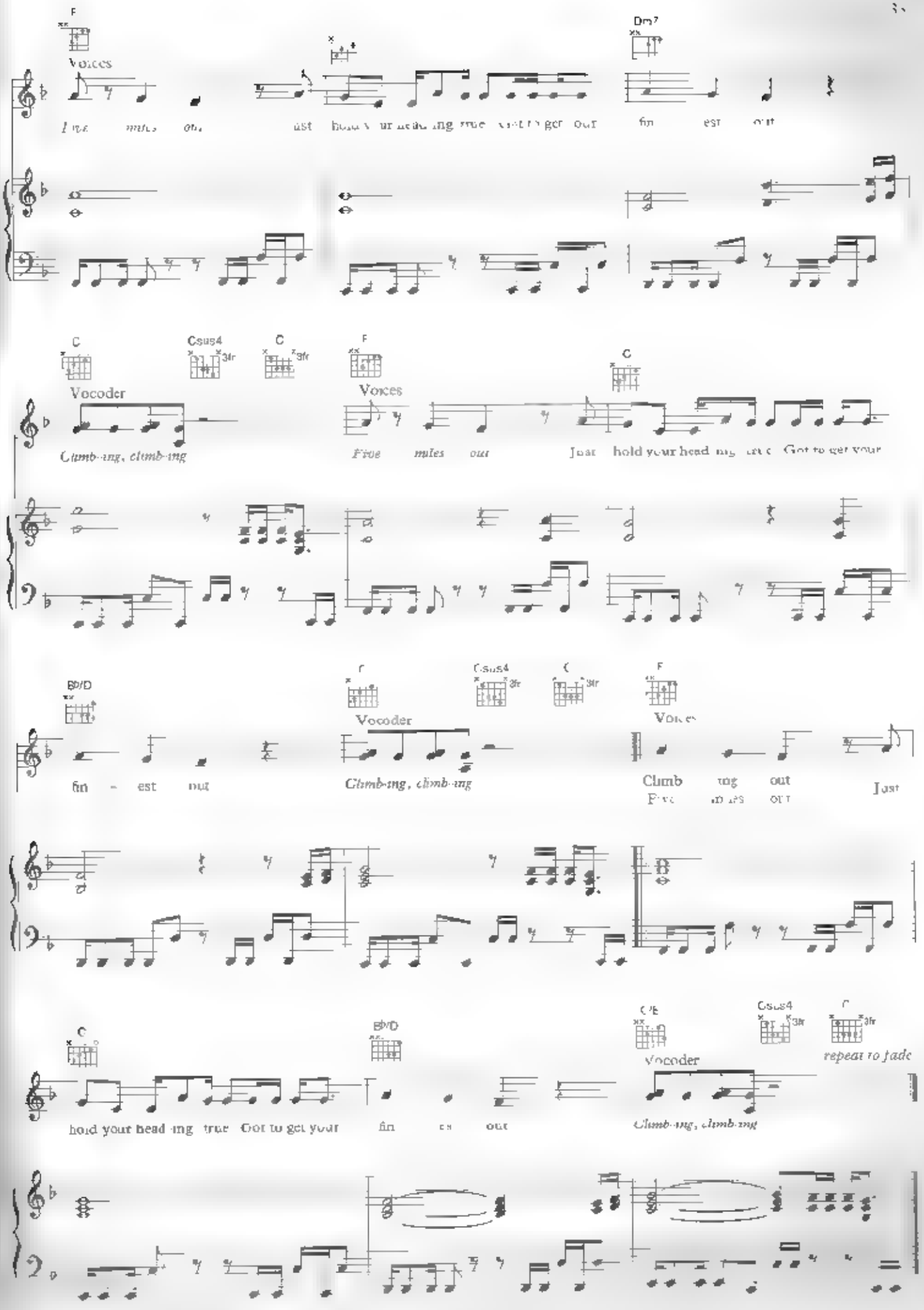

Asus4
F♯m7aug5
Bm7add4
Bm
E7no3
Bm
E7no3
A
Bm
E9no3
Female voice
Voices
A
F♯m/A
Bm
D
E
F♯


A5 B5
Bagpipes
Bm E A F♯m
A
Bm
E
F♯
Acoustic guitar
Vocoder


D
Asus4
Bm
A
F♯m7
Bm
E
lost in the
Don't
Bm
E
A
Bm
E
Bm
F♯m
Voices
Lost in
Dm
C
Dm
C
Dm
And he
Dm
C
Dm
A5
Yo re a


C5
G5
D5
G5
C5
pri soner f the dark sky
The pro - pe- ler b ades are still,
the
D5
G5
Dr
C5
A5
I emale voice
e eye of he h r n came is com ing an now for the kil
Our
F
C
Dm
hope s with you,
ri-der in the blue
B♭
F
Gm
F
Gm
We come s wait ing We re an ti ca pat ing you , be


Bb
F
Gm
C
F
N.C
F
Electric guitars
C
Bb/C
C/E
N.C
Female voice
Vocoder
Female voice
Five
Dm7
G5


F
Voices
Dm7
C
Csus4
3fr
C
3fr
Vocoder
Climb-ing, climb-ing
F
Voices
Five miles out
C
Bb/D
fin - est out
F
Csus4
3fr
C
3fr
Vocoder
Climb-ing, climb-ing
F
Voices
Climb ing out
Five miles out
Just
C
hold your head ing true Got to get your fin es out
Bb/D
C/E
Csus4
3fr
F
3fr
Vocoder
Climb-ing, climb-ing
repeat to fade

# to france

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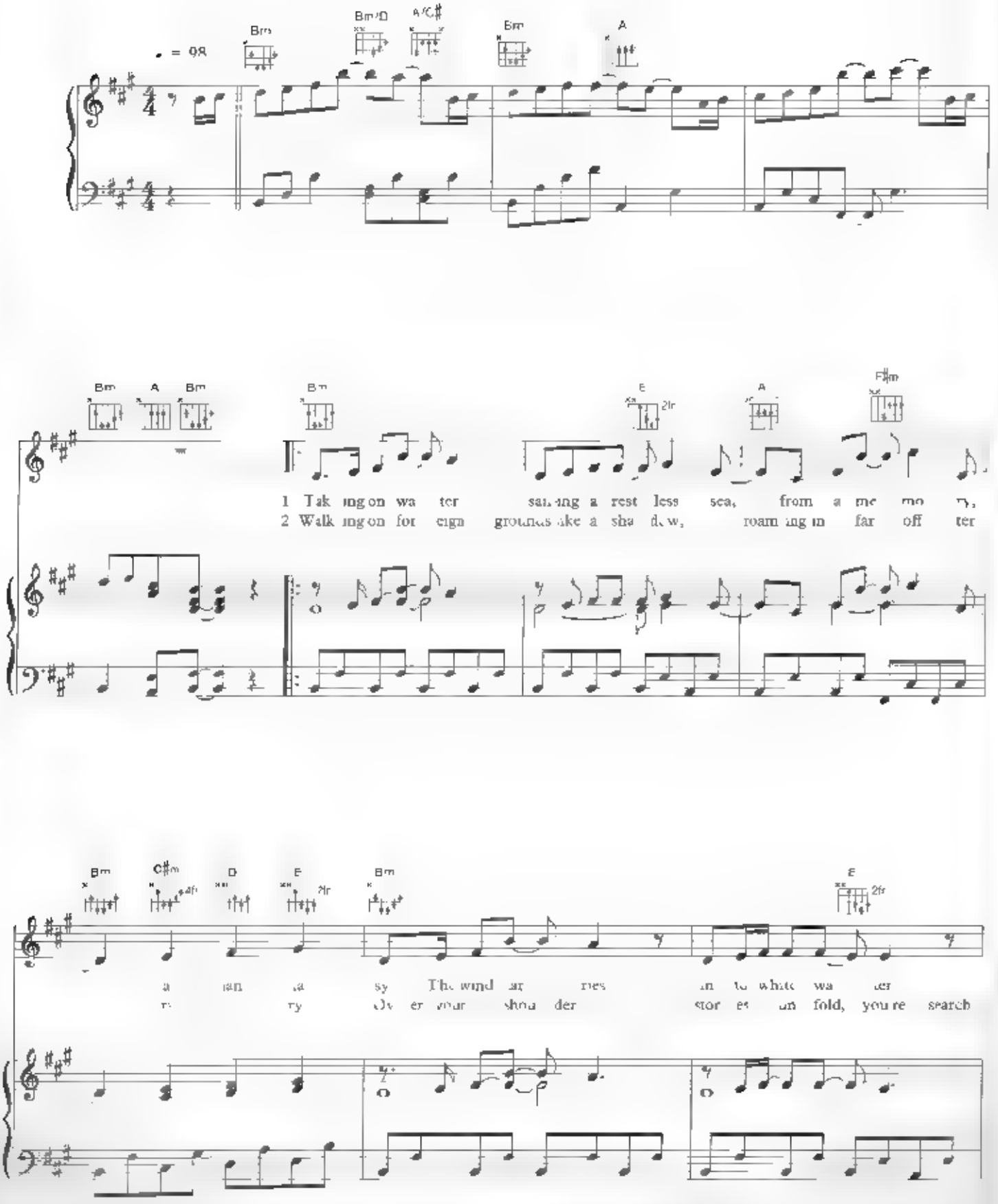


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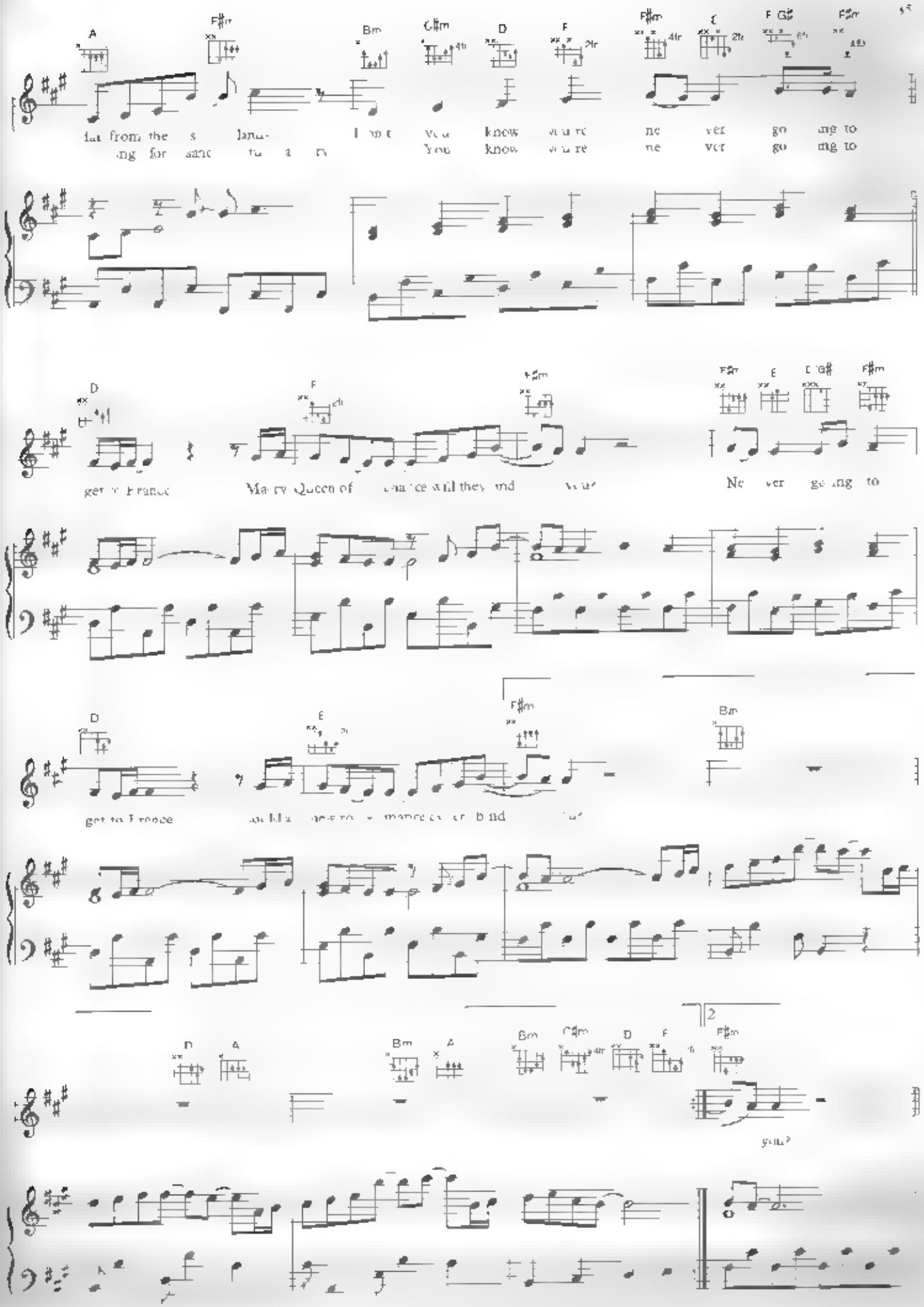
A
F♯m
Bm
C♯m
D
F
F♯m
E
F G♯
F♯m
far from the s land-
ing for sand
I don't
You know
You know
ne ver go ing to
ne ver go ing to
D
F
F♯m
F♯m
E
D G♯
F♯m
get to France
Ma ry Queen of
Ne ver go ing to
D
E
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Bm
get to France
2
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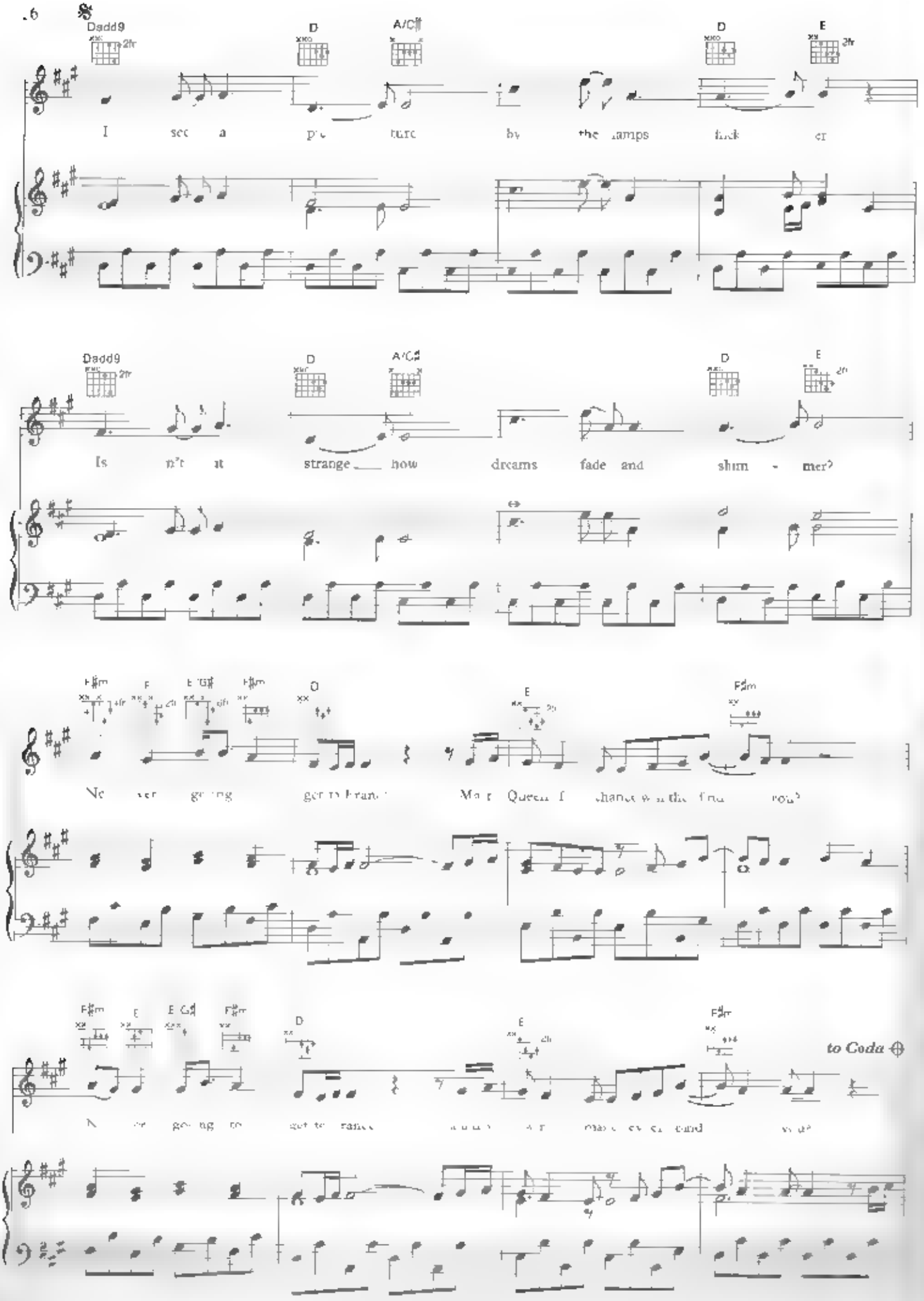
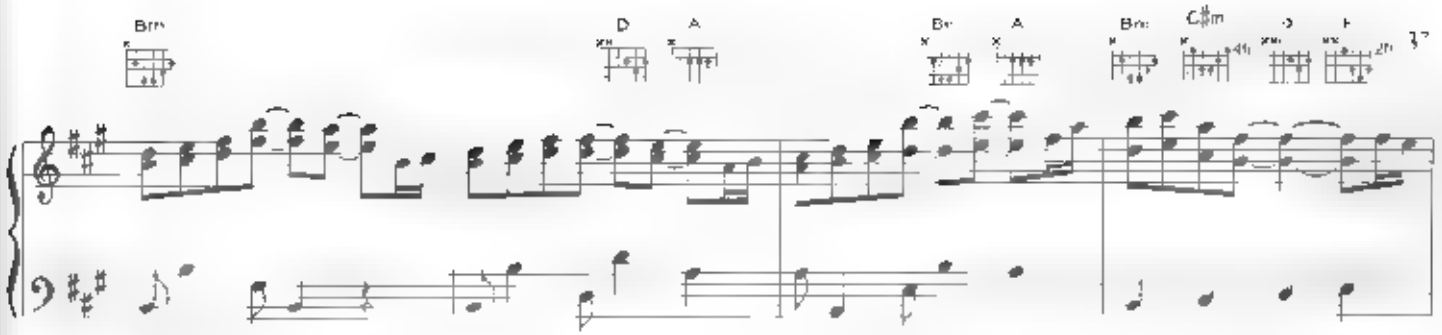
A
Bm
A
Bm
C♯m
D
F
F♯m
you?


Dadd9
D
A/C♯
D
E
I see a pic ture by the lamps lick er
Dadd9
D
A/C♯
D
E
Is n't it strange how dreams fade and shim - mer?
F♯m
E
E G♯
F♯m
D
E
F♯m
Ne ver go ing go ing to leave Ma y Queen I chance with this fou nou?
F♯m
E
E G♯
F♯m
D
E
F♯m
to Coda
N ver go ing to get to ra ise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A
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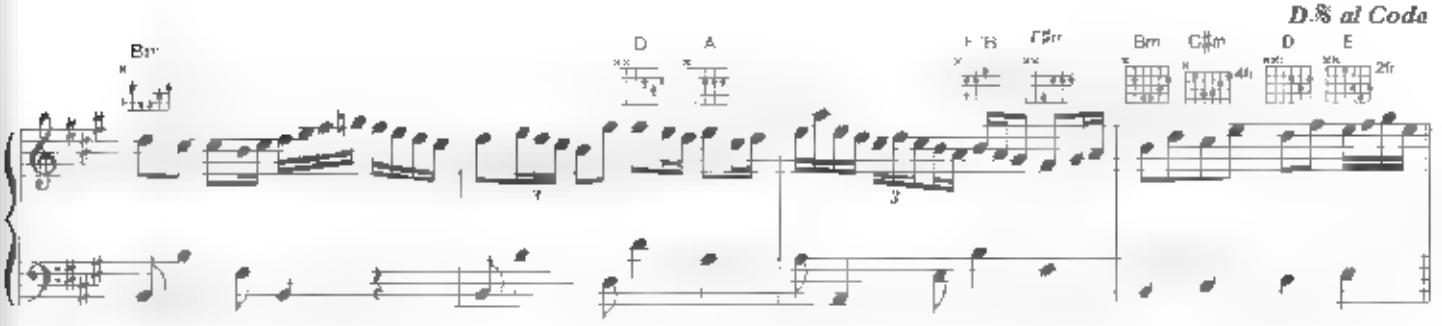
C♯m
D
E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A
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D
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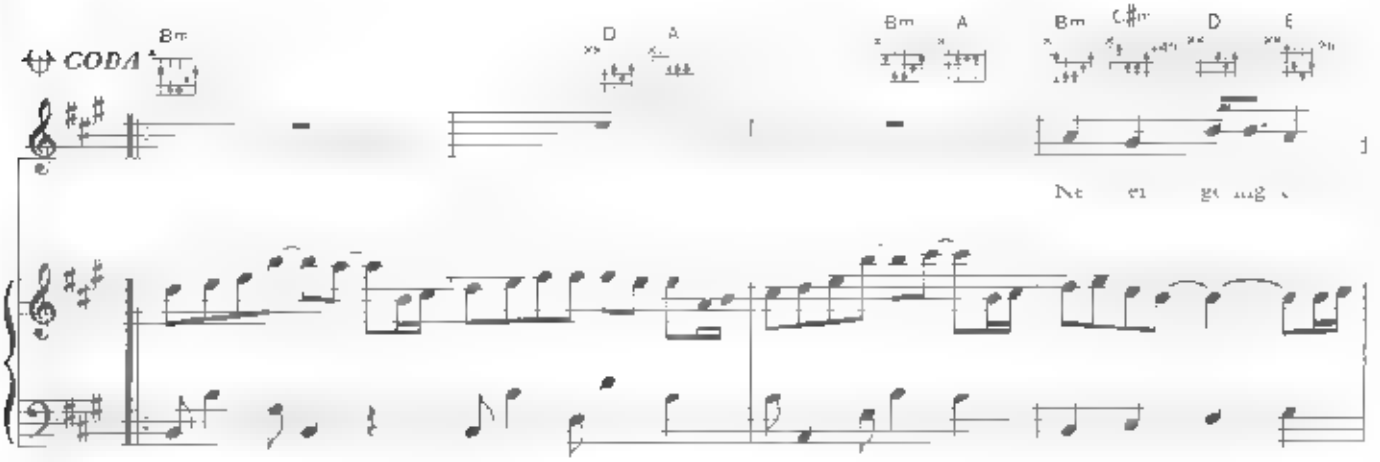
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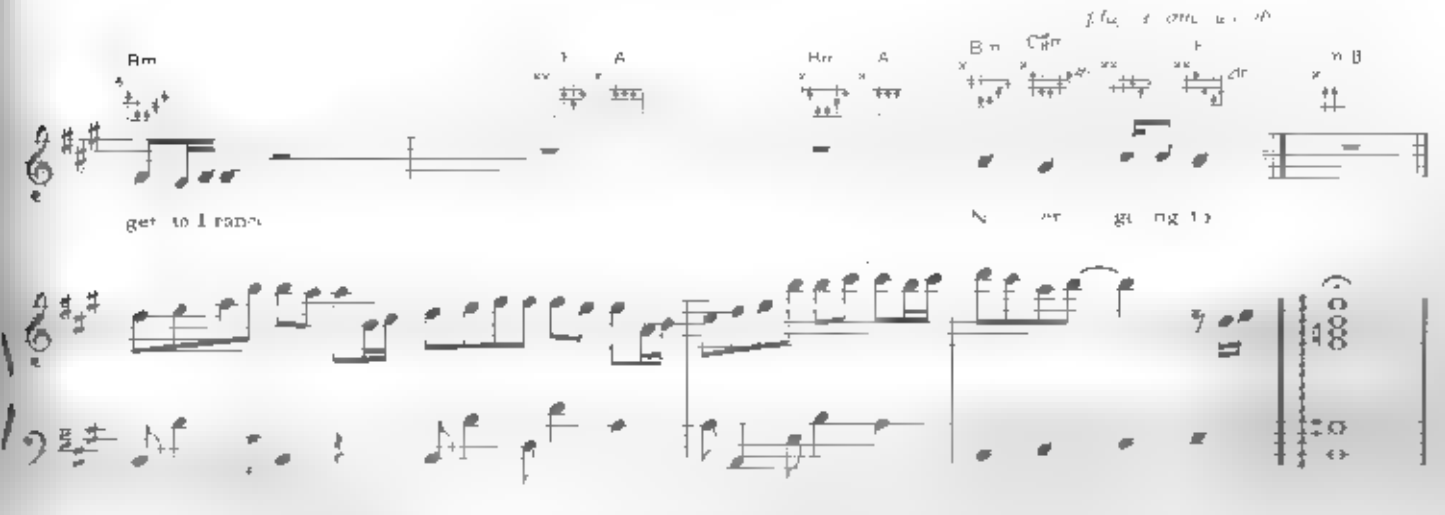
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A
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A
Bm
C♯m
D
E

# foreign affair

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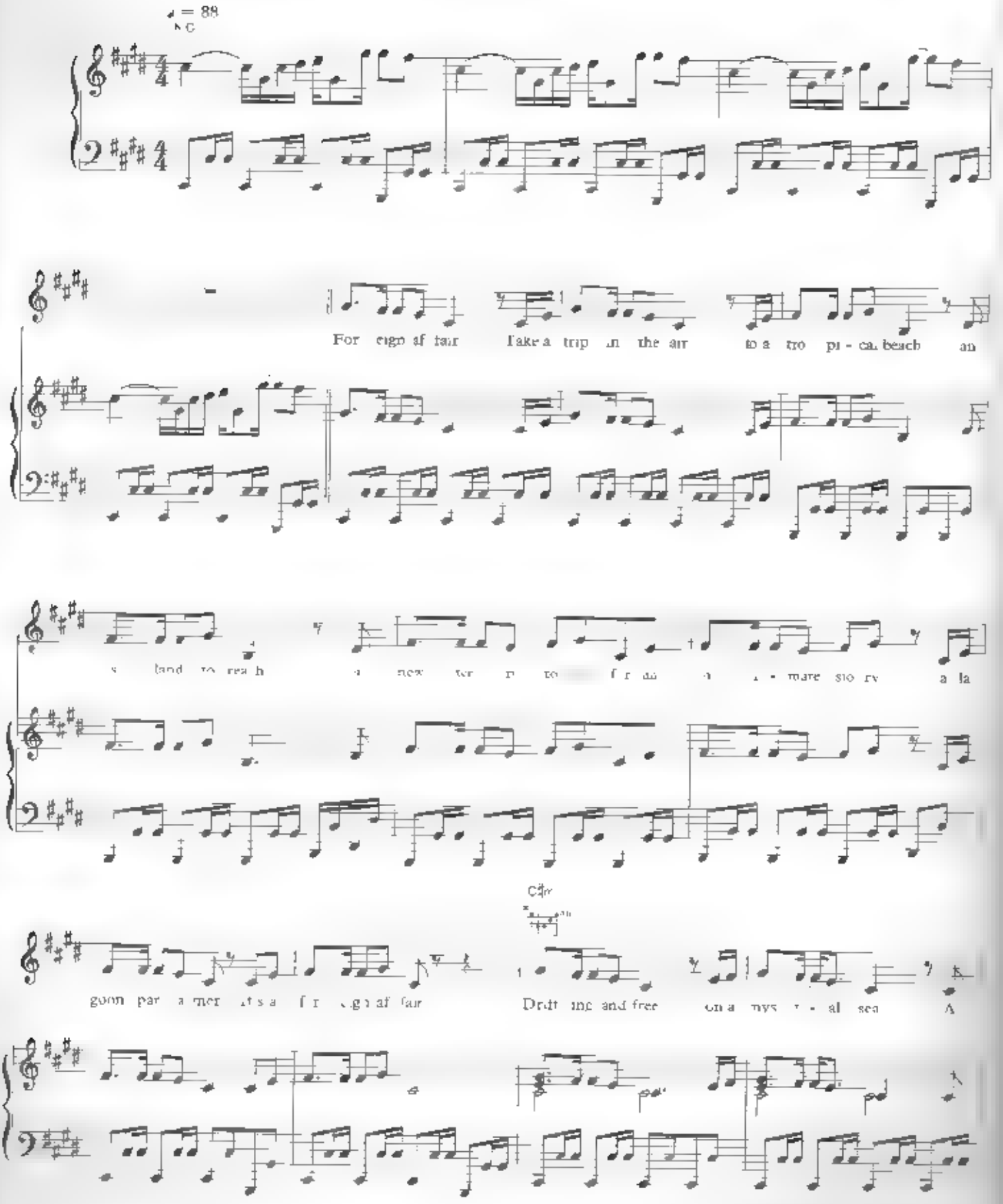


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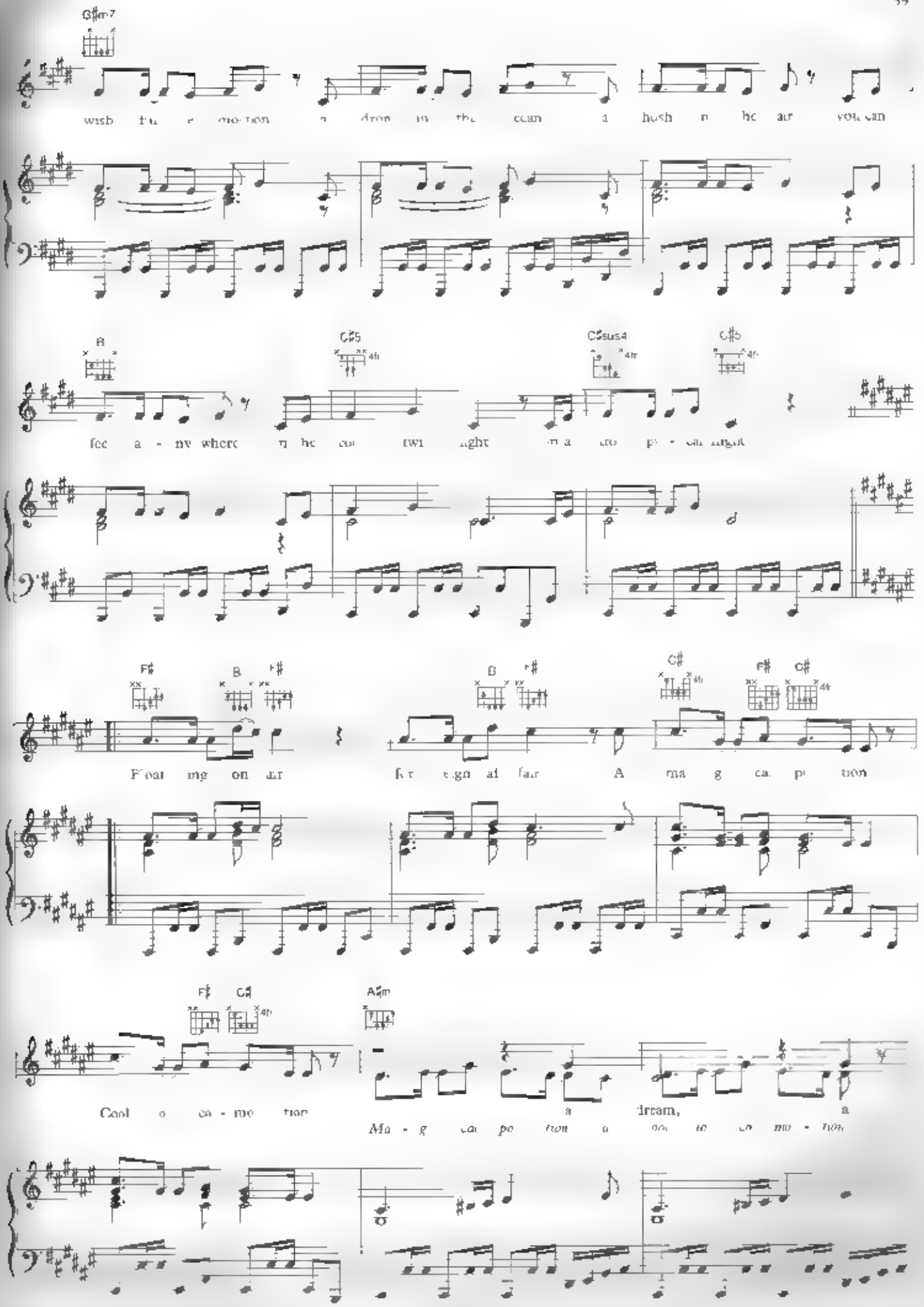
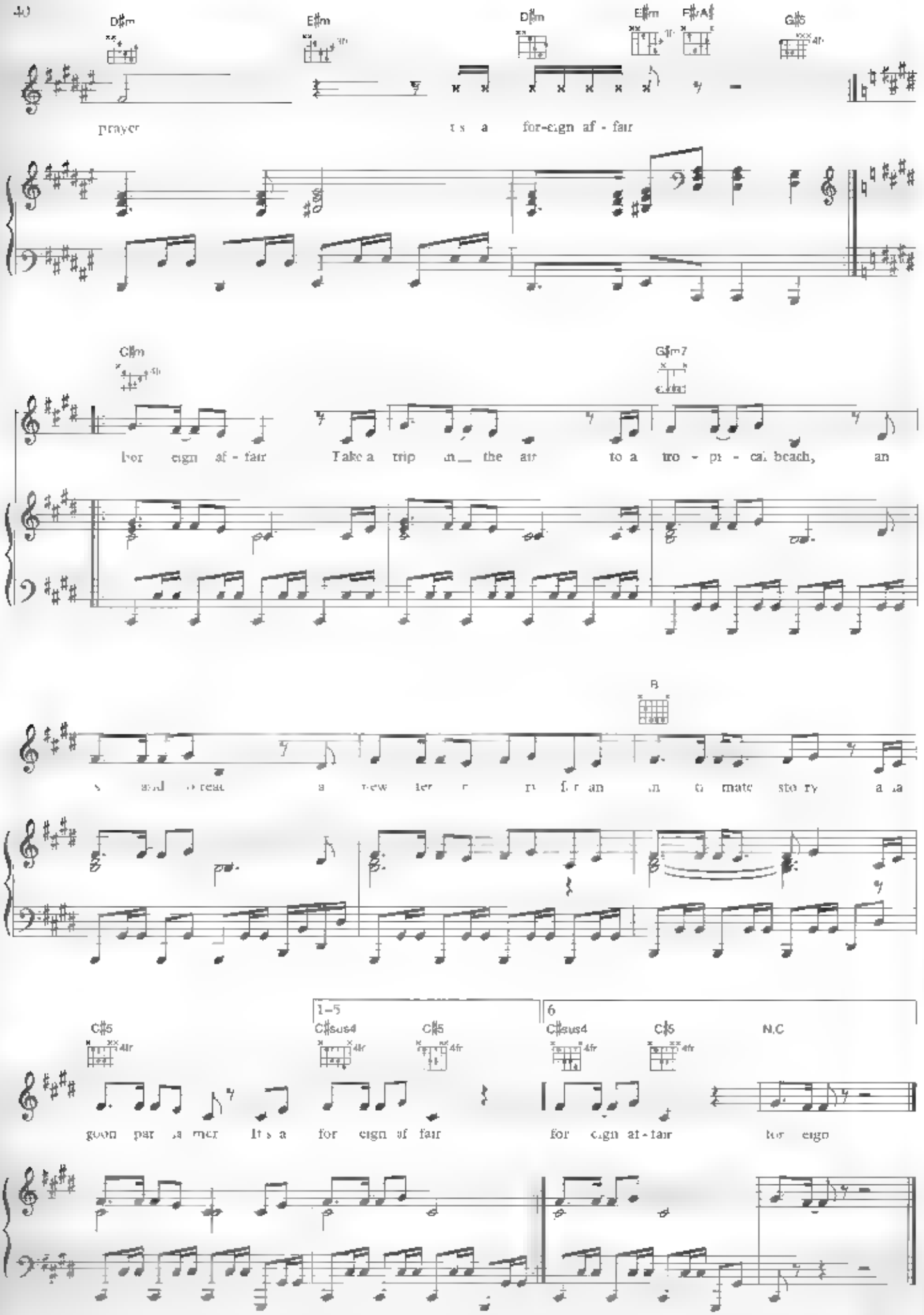

G♯m7
wish I'd e - mo - tion a drop in the ocean a hush in the air you can
B
C♯5
C♯sus4
C♯♭
fee a - ny where in the cos mic night on a co - pi - can night
F♯
B
E♯
B
E♯
C♯
F♯
C♯
Float ing on an ir i - ri - des cent fair A ma g ca - pi tion
F♯
C♯
A♯m
Cool e co - mo tion a dream, a
Ma - g ca - pa - tion a oa - to - mo - tion


D♯m
E♯m
D♯m
E♯m
F♯/A♯
G♯5
prayer
is a for-eign af - fair
C♯m
G♯m7
for eign af - fair
I take a trip in the air to a tro - pi - cal beach, an
B
I would treat a new ter ri for an in ti mate sto ry a la
1–5
6
C♯5
C♯sus4
C♯5
C♯sus4
C♯5
N.C
goom par ba mer It's a for eign af fair
for eign af - fair
for eign

# in dulci jubilo

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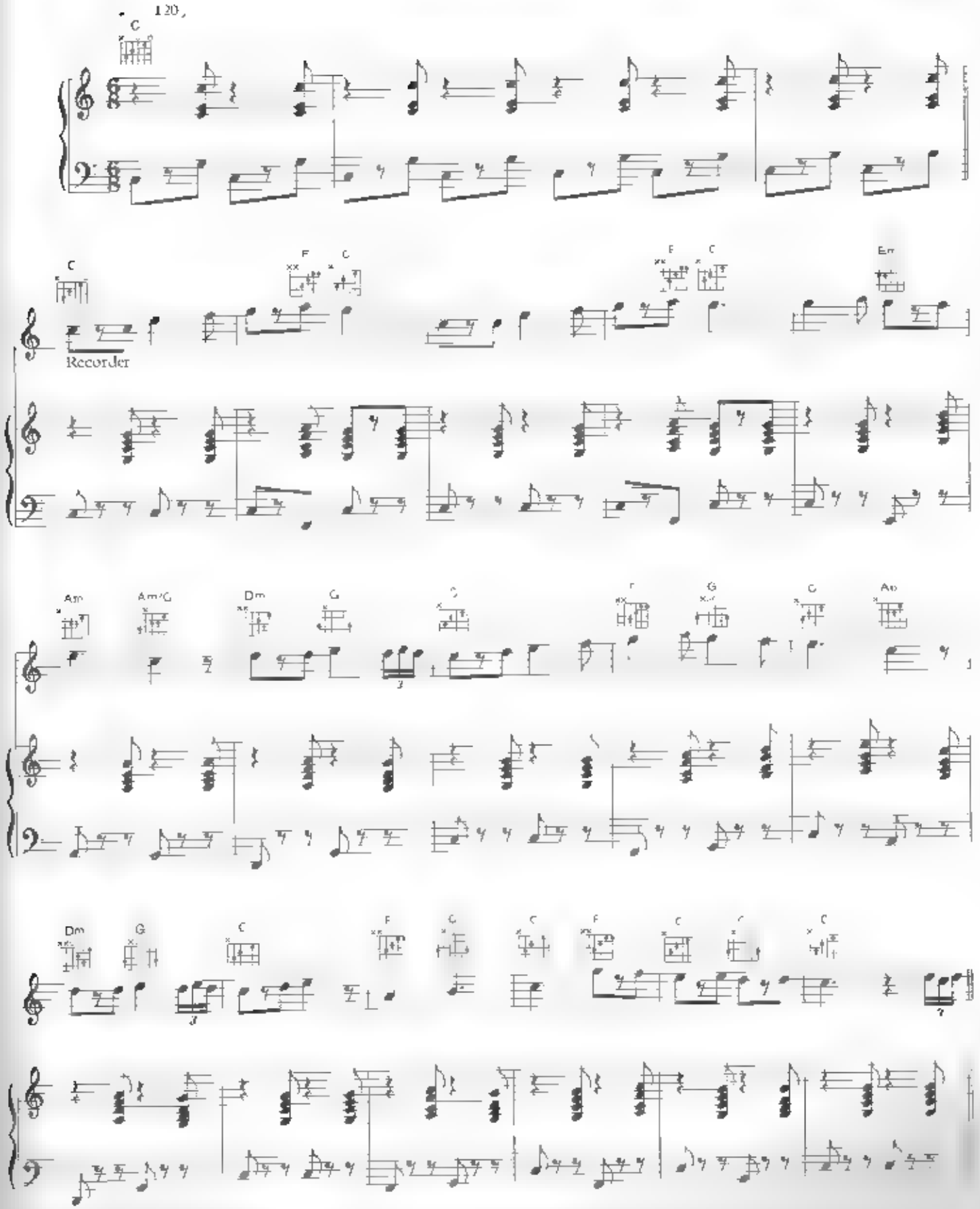


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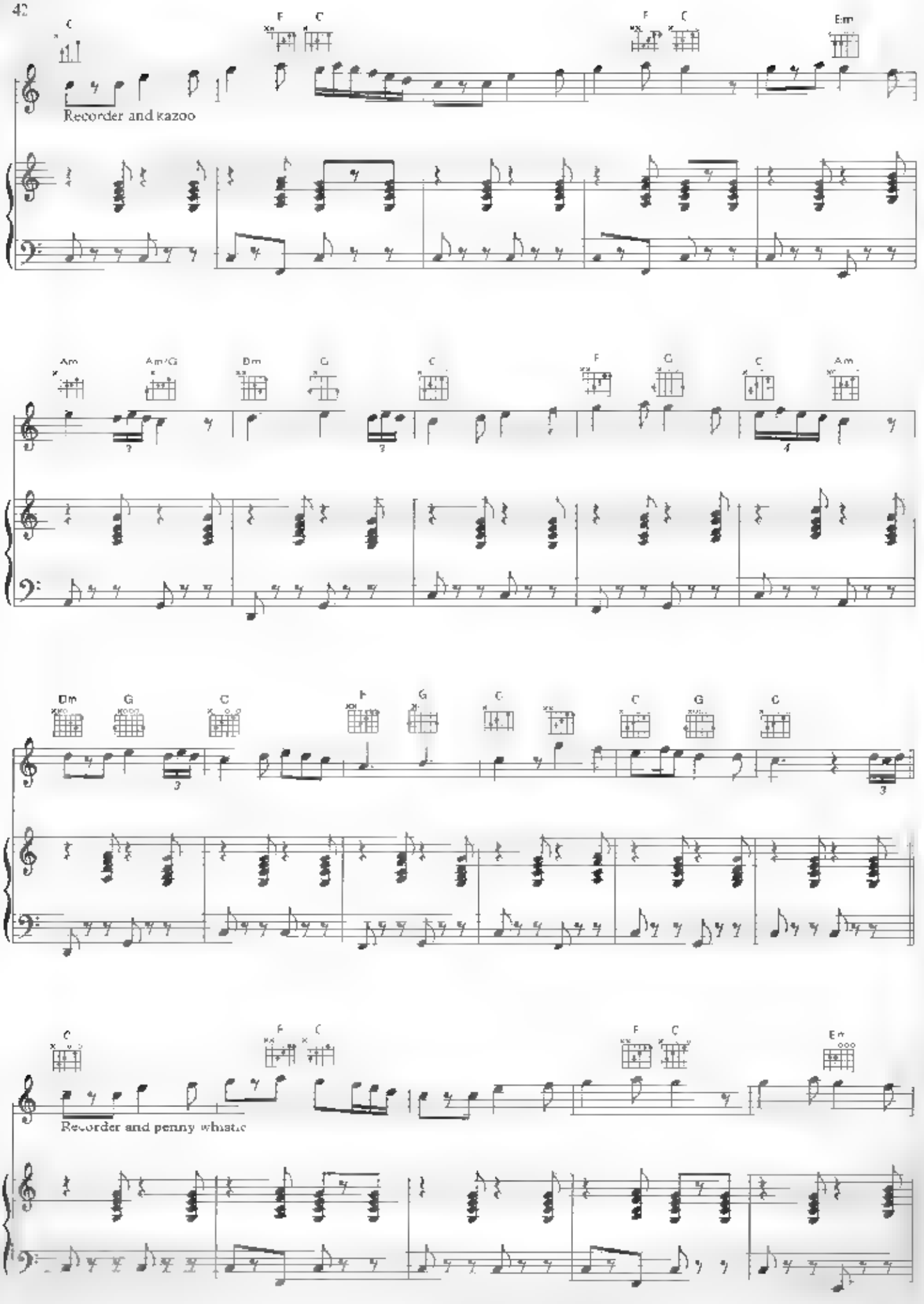
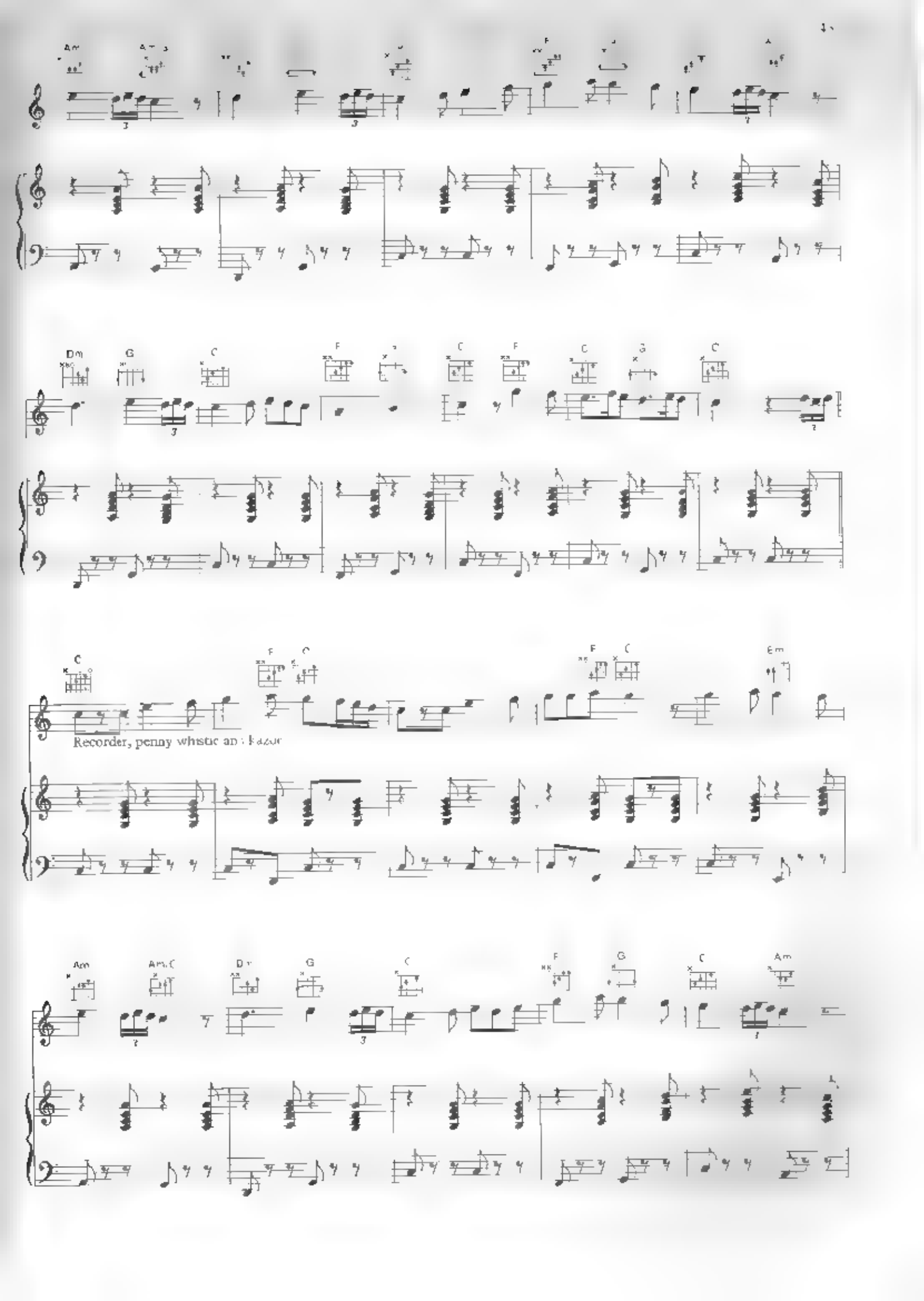
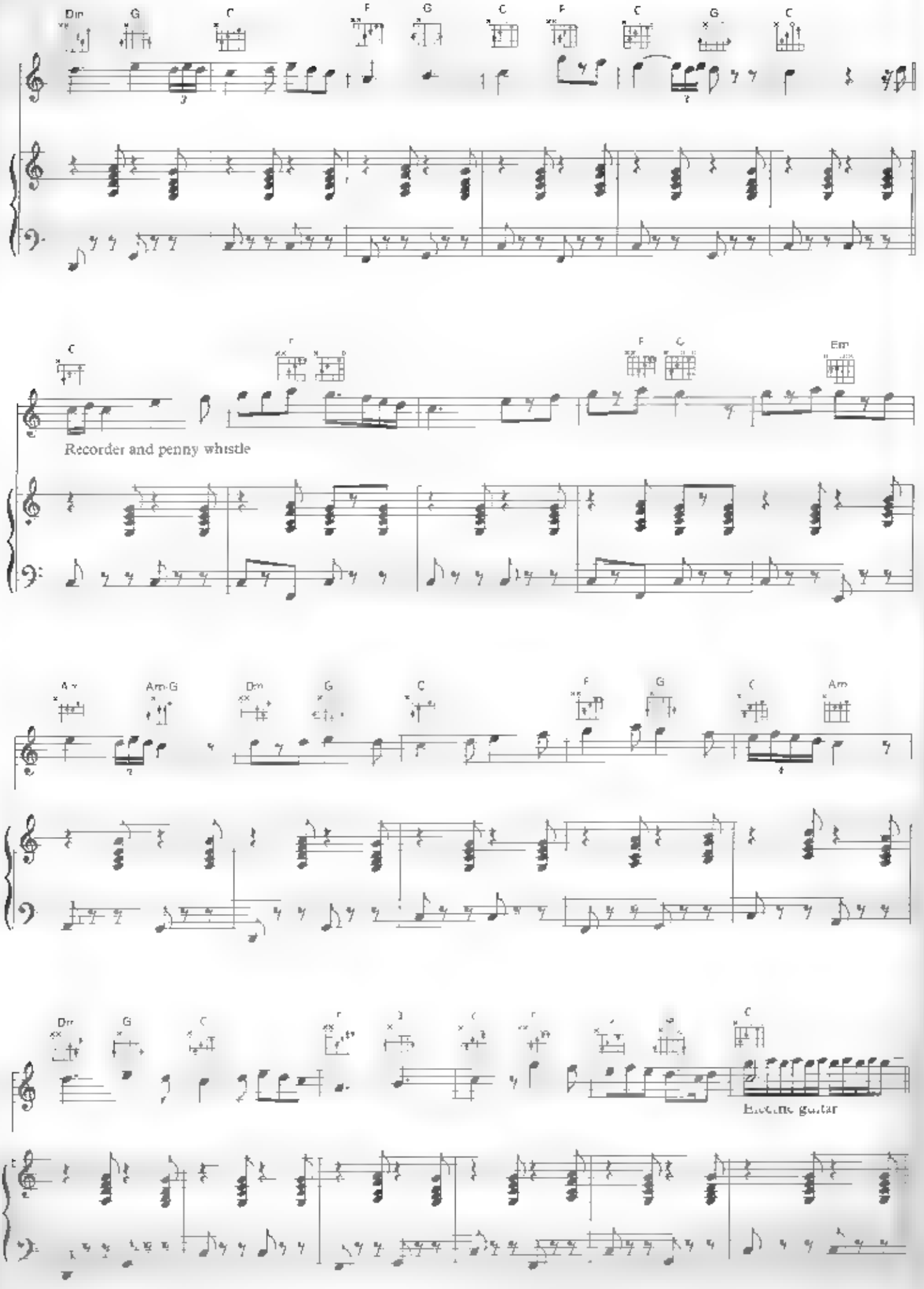
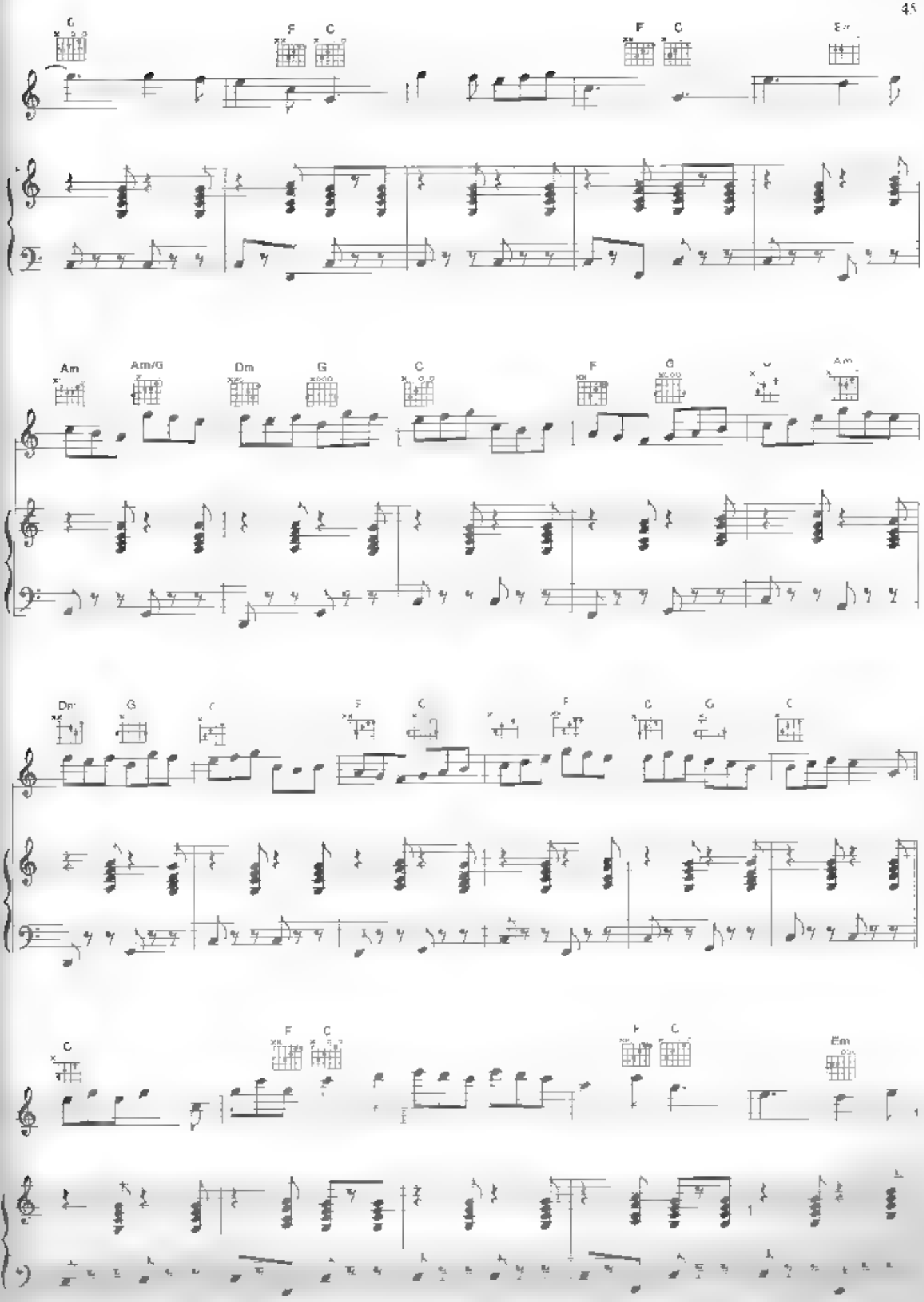

C
F
C
F
C
Em
Recorder and kazoo
Am
Am/G
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
Am
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
C
G
C
C
F
C
F
C
Em
Recorder and penny whistle


Recorder, penny whistle and Kazoo


Dm
G
C
F
G
C
F
C
G
C
C
F
F
G
Em
Recorder and penny whistle
A♭
Am-G
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
Am
Dm
G
C
C
Electric guitar


G
F
C
F
C
Em
Am
Am/G
Dm
G
C
F
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C
Am
Dm
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C
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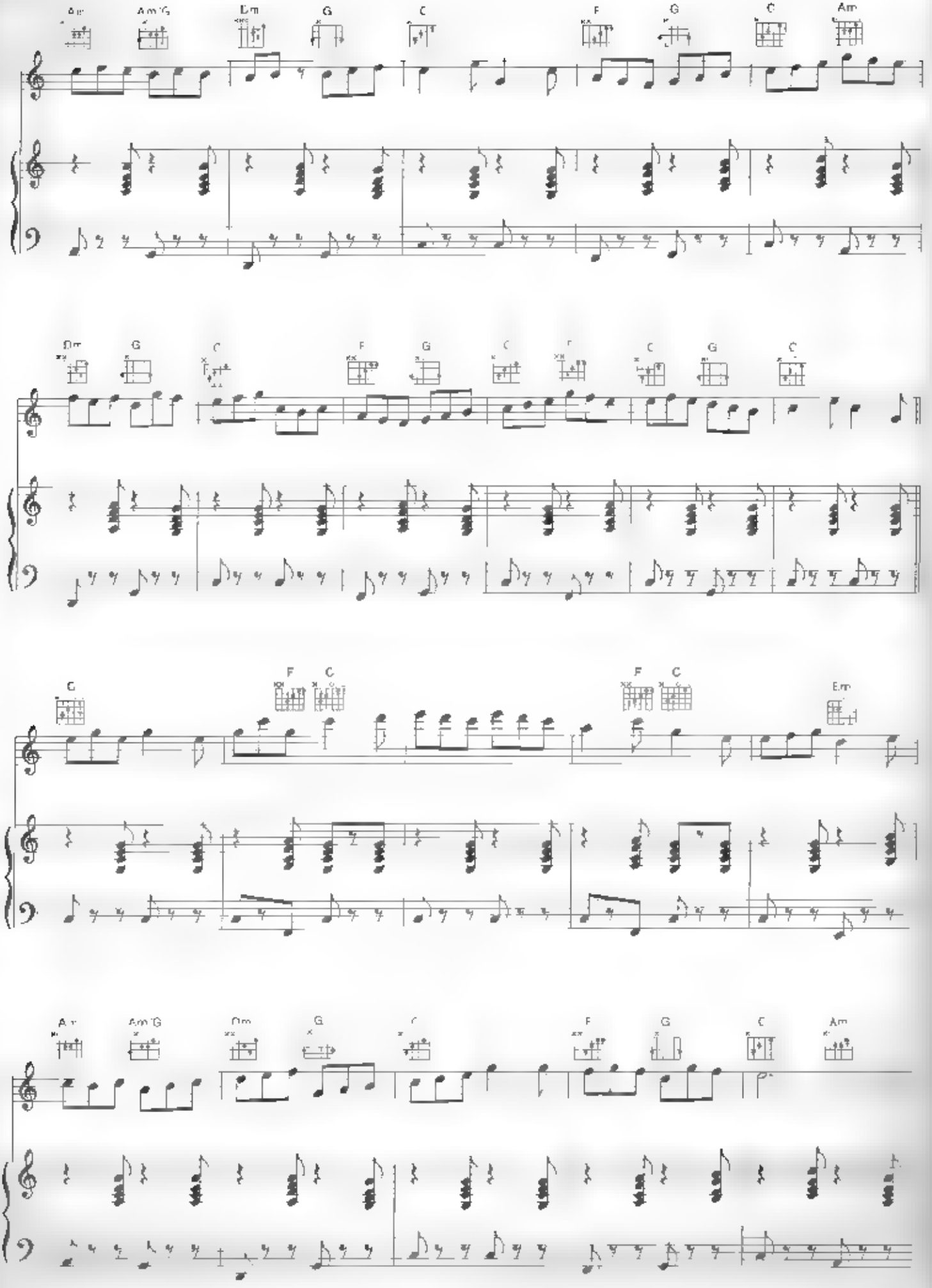
C
F
C
G
C
C
F
C
F
C
Em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Am/G
Dm
G
C
F
G
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Am
Dm
G
C
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G
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Em
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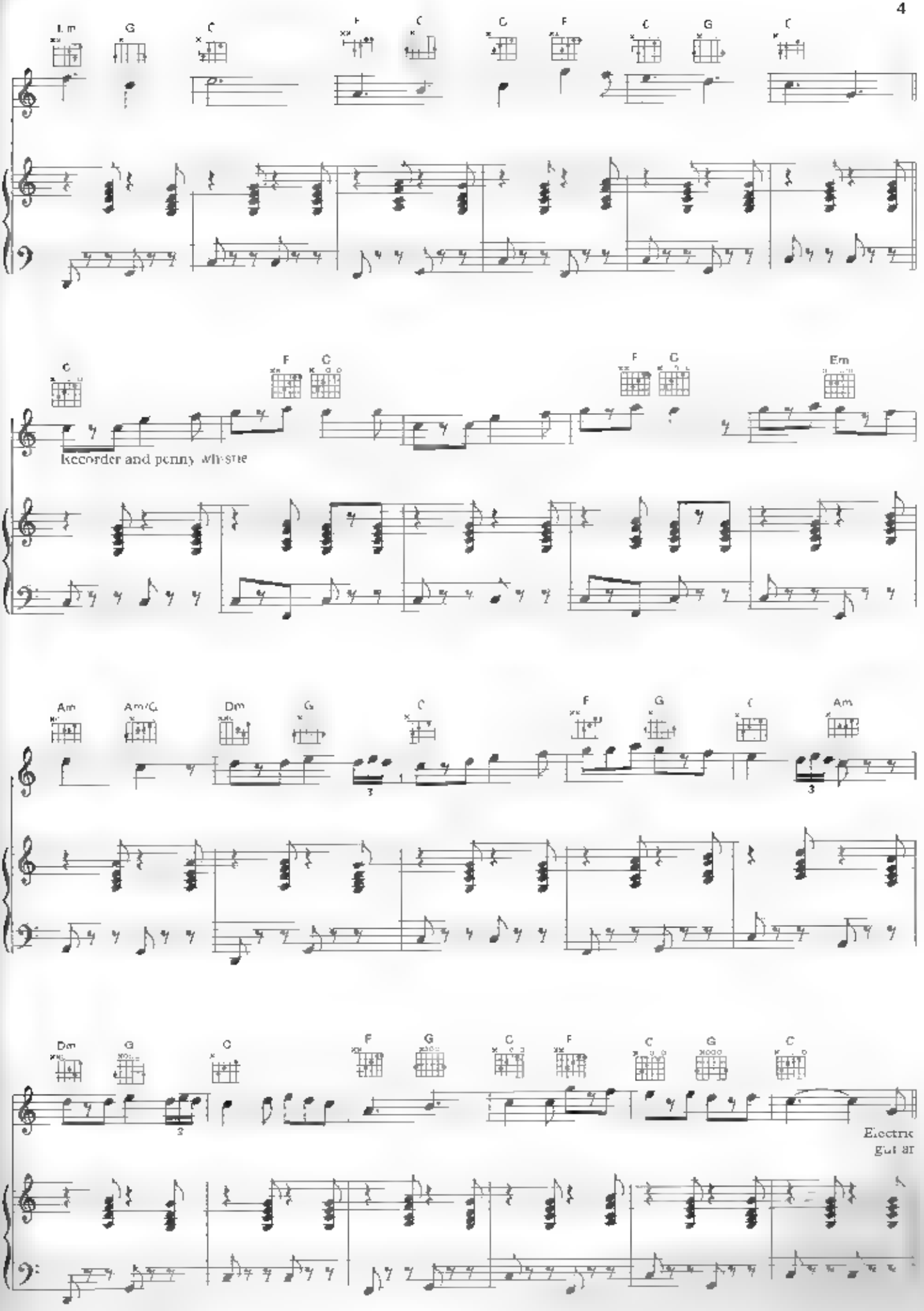
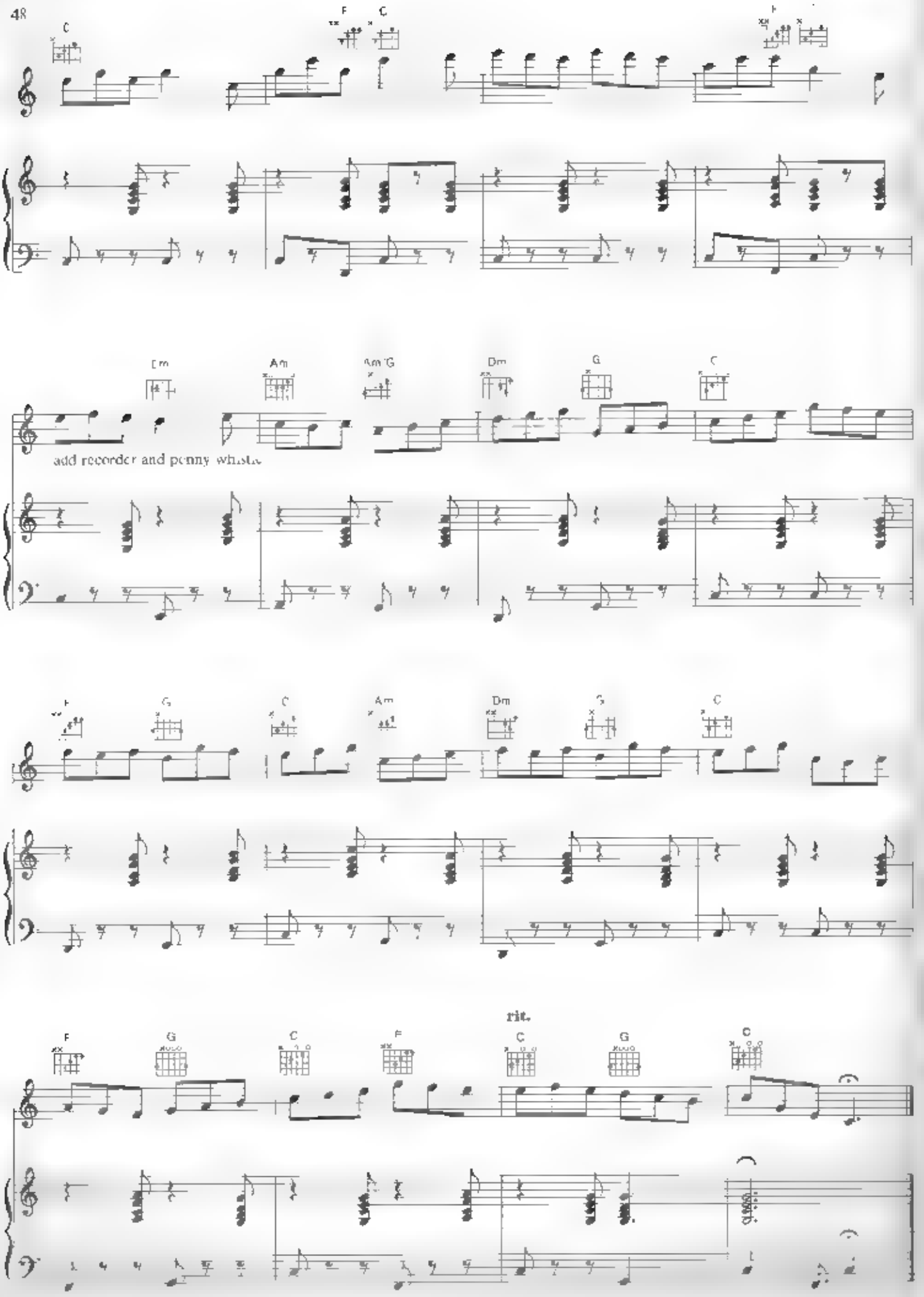
Am/G
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
Am


Em
G
C
F
C
C
F
C
G
C
C
F
C
F
G
Em
Recorder and penny whistle
Am
Am/G
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
Am
Dm
G
C
F
G
C
F
C
G
C
Electric
guitar


C
F
C
Dm
Am
Am/G
Dm
G
C
add recorder and penny whistle
F
G
C
Am
Dm
G
C
rit.
F
G
C
F
C
G
C

# shadow on the wall

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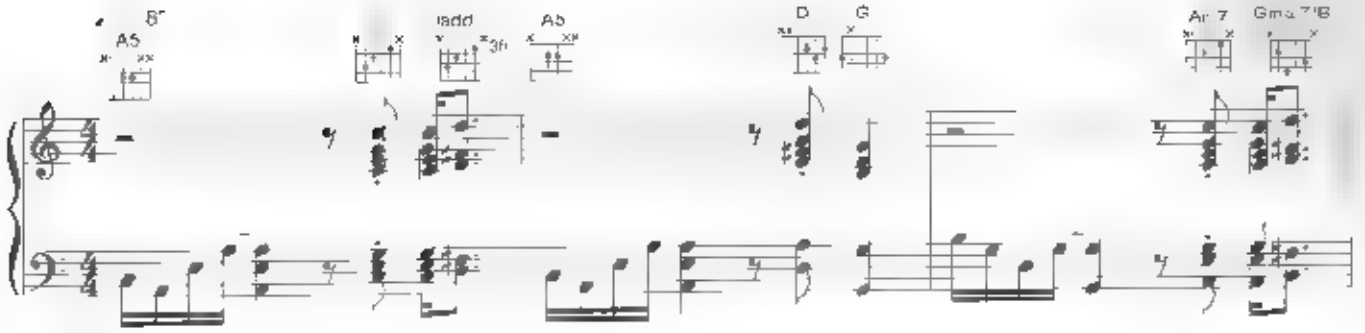


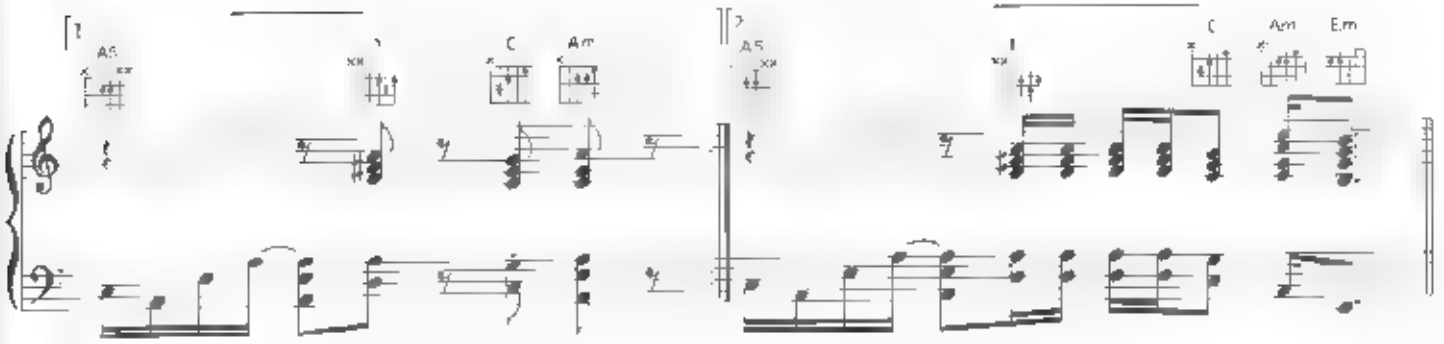


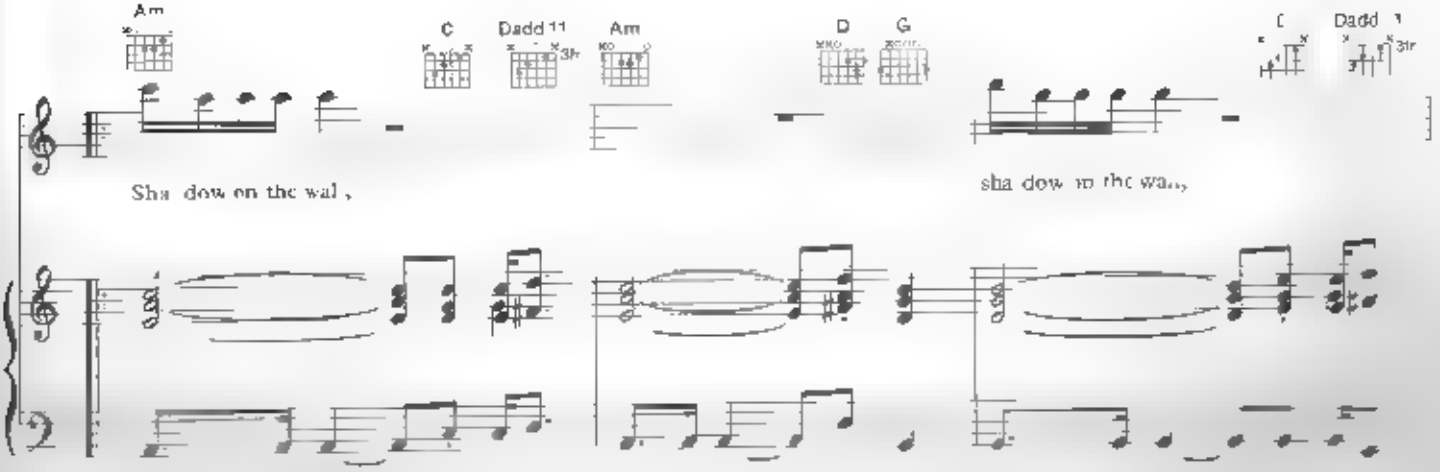


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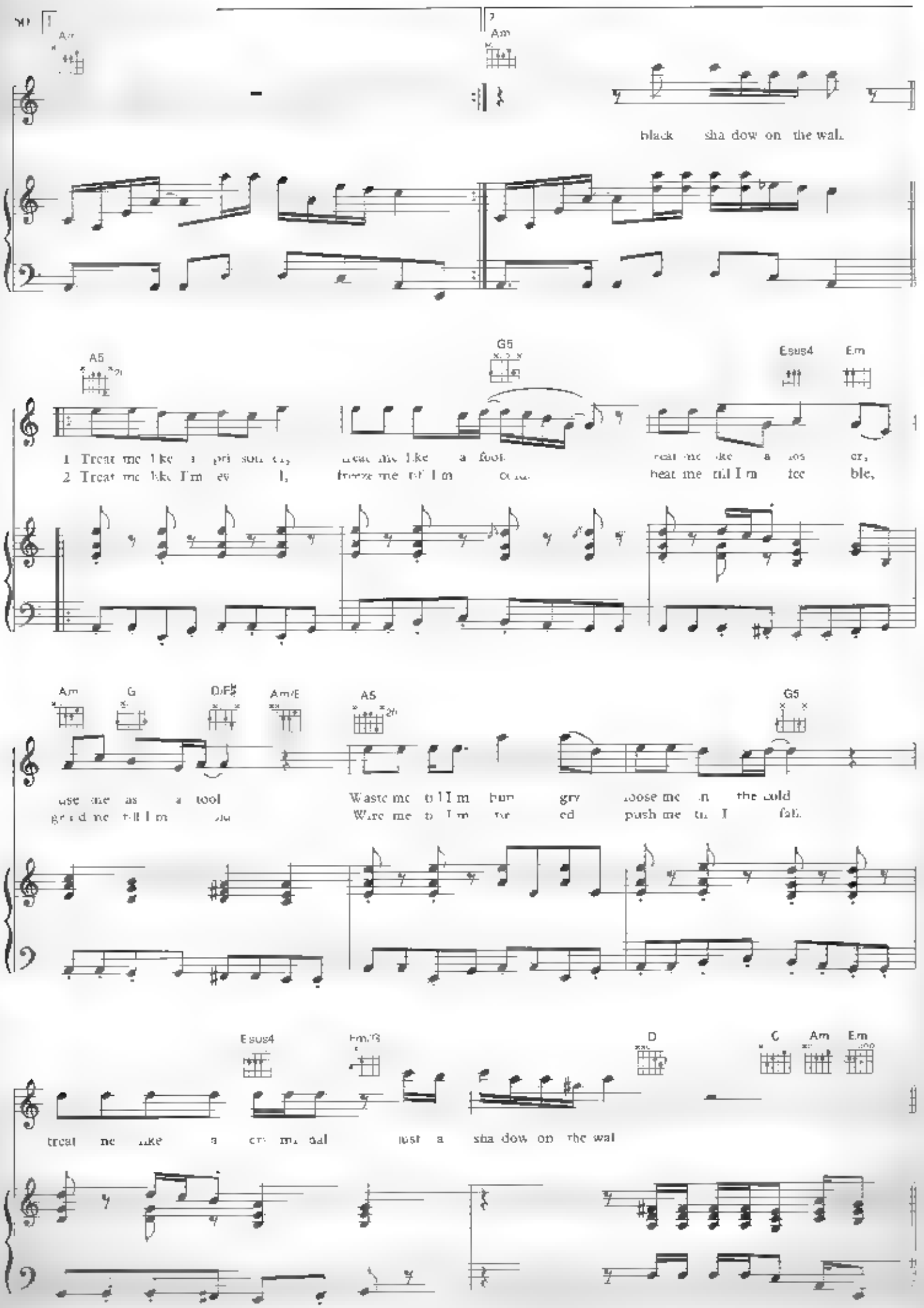
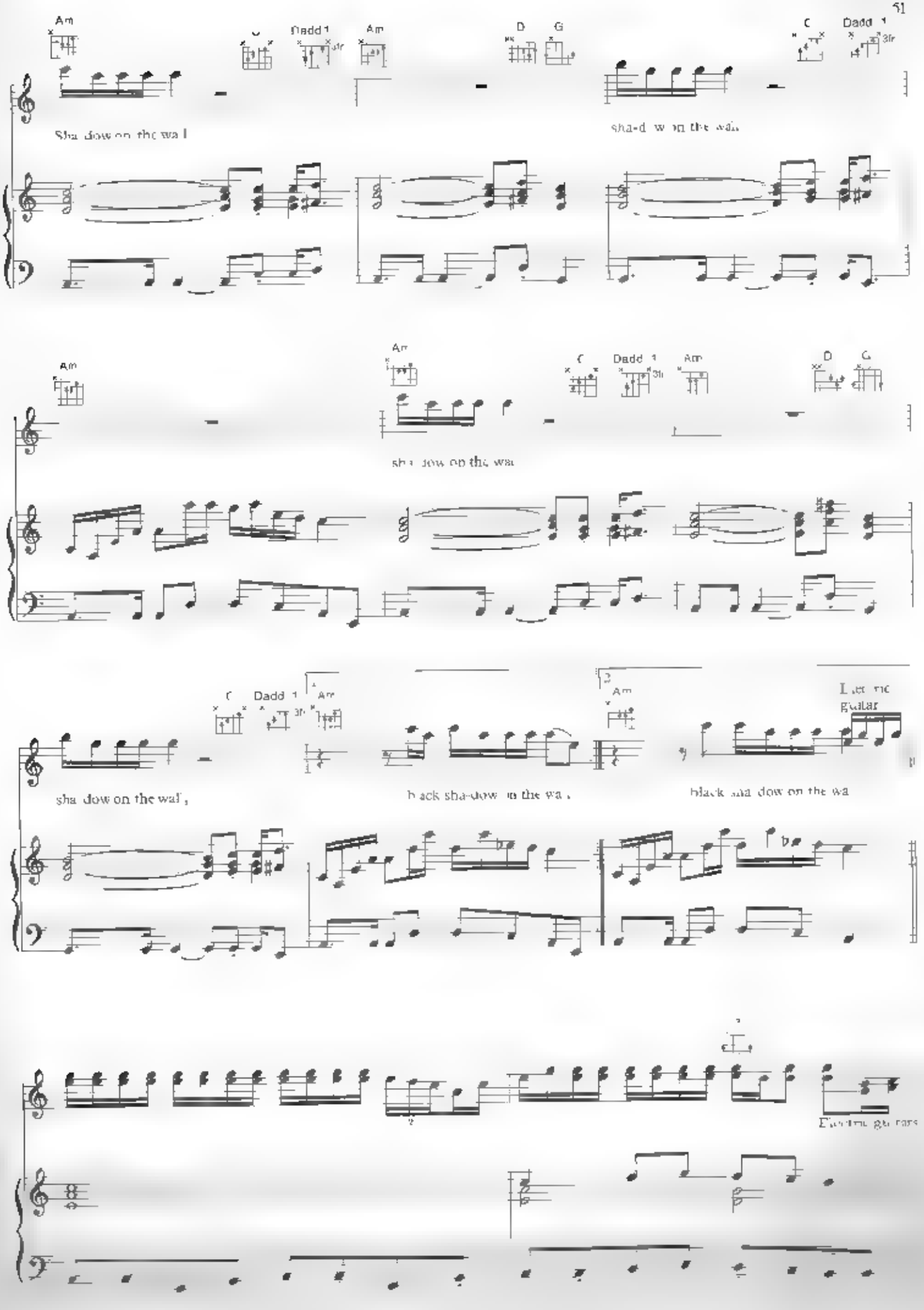
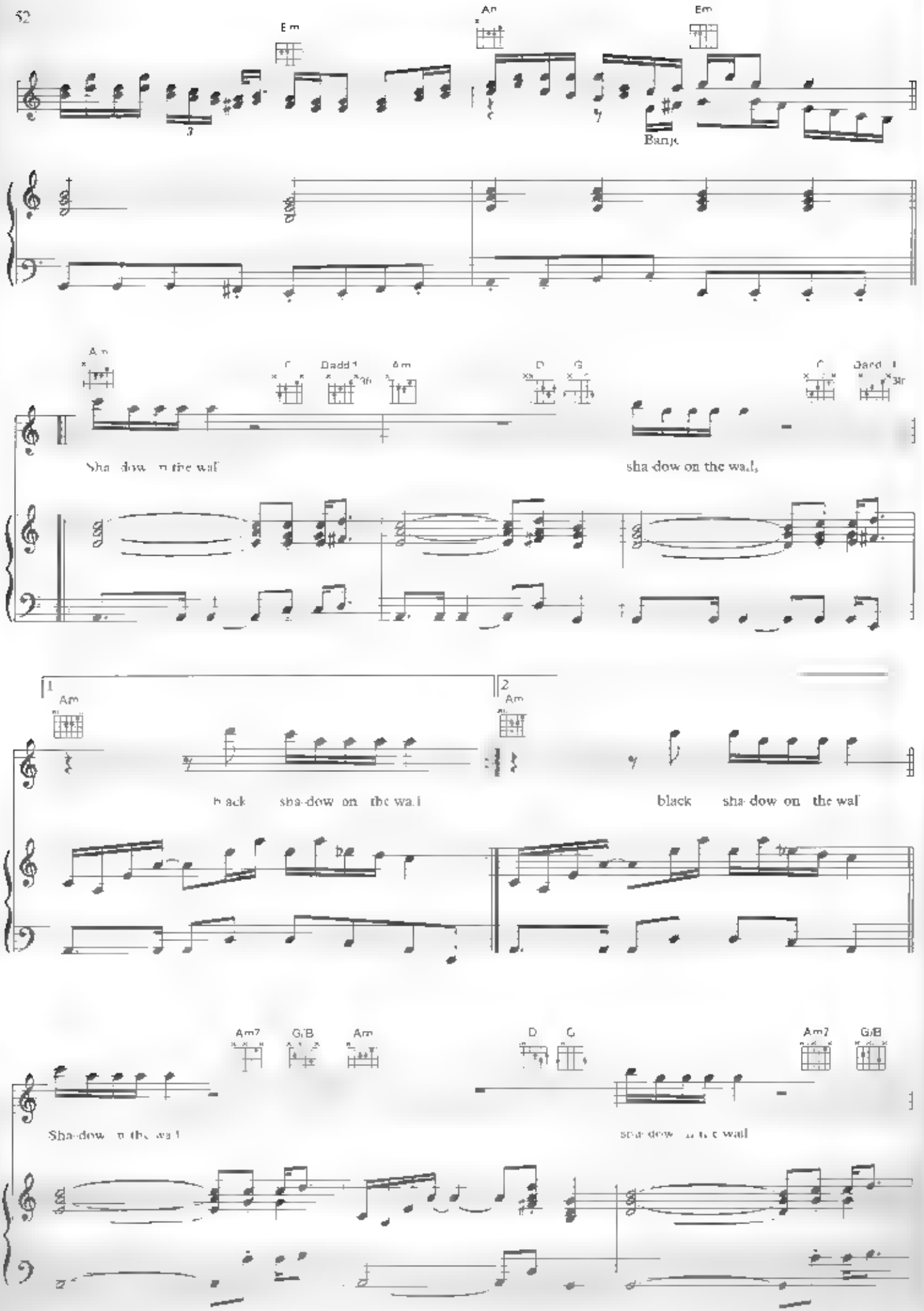
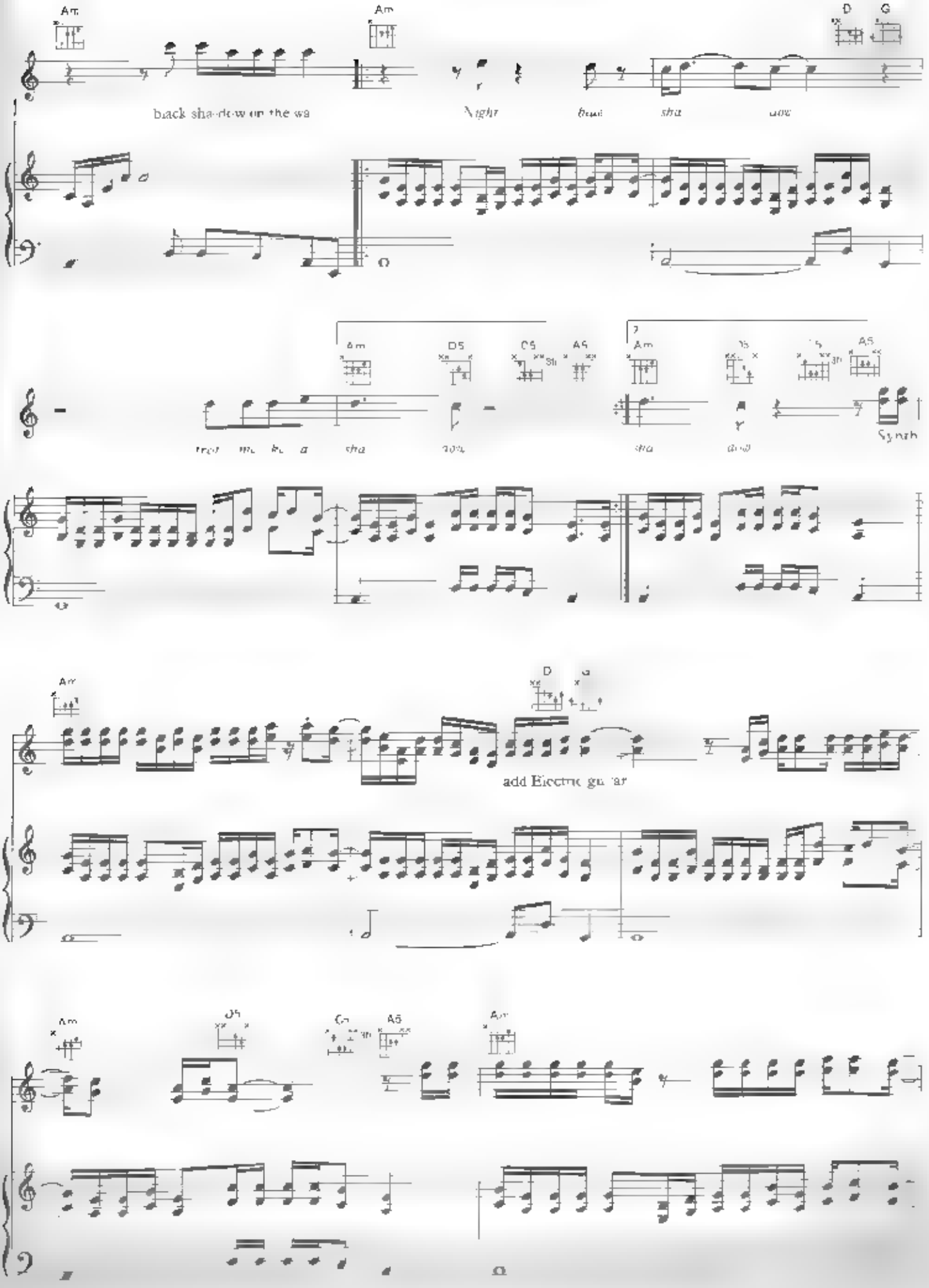
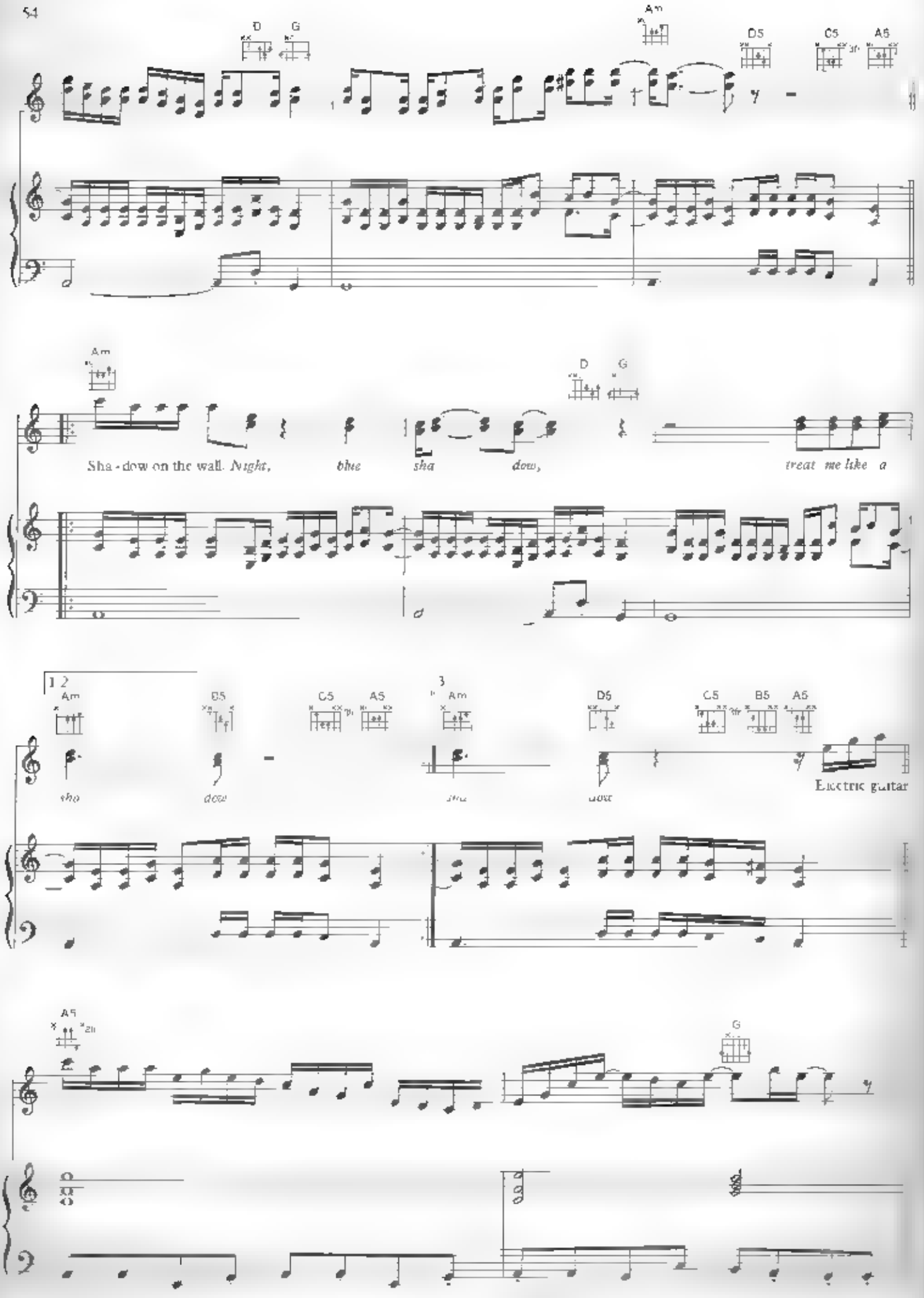
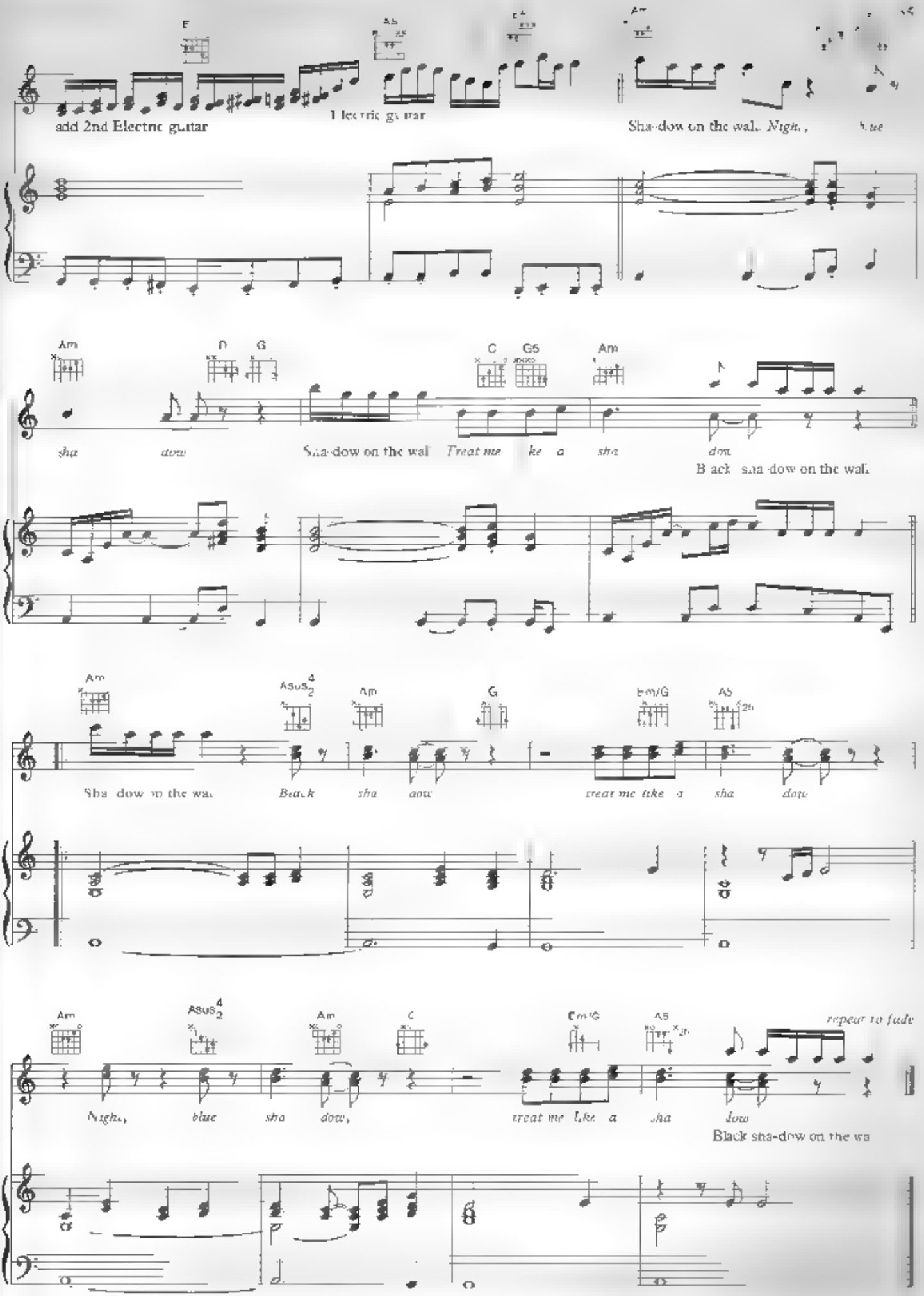

Am
Am
black sha dow on the wall
A5
G5
Esus4
Em
1 Treat me like a pri son er,
2 Treat me like I'm ev il,
Treat me like a fool,
freeze me till I m cold,
treat me like a los er,
beat me till I m tee ble,
Am
G
D/F♯
Am/E
A5
G5
use me as a tool
get rid me till I m old
Waste me till I m hun gry
Wire me to I m ter ed
loose me in the cold
push me tu I fall
Esus4
Em/G
D
C
Am
Em
treat me like a cri mi nal
just a sha dow on the wall


Am
C
Dadd 4
Am
D
G
C
Dadd 4
Sha dow on the wal l
sha-d w on the wal
Am
Am
C
Dadd 4
Am
D
G
sha dow on the wal
C
Dadd 4
Am
Am
Lec tric
guitar
sha dow on the wal ,
b ack sha-dow in the wa ,
black sha dow on the wa
Electric guitars


Em
Am
Em
Banjo
Am
C
Dadd4
Am
D
G
C
Dadd4
Sha-dow on the wall
sha-dow on the wall
1
2
Am
Am
black sha-dow on the wall
black sha-dow on the wall
Am7
G/B
Am
D
G
Am7
G/B
Sha-dow on the wall
sha-dow on the wall


Am
Am
D
G
back sha-dow on the wa
Night
sha
ow
Am
D5
D5
A5
Am
A5
Synth
add Electric gu tar
Am
D5
G
A5
Am


D
G
Am
D5
C5
A5
Am
D
G
Sha - dow on the wall. Night, blue sha dow, treat me like a
1 2
Am
B5
C5
A5
3
Am
D5
C5
B5
A5
sha
dow
sha
dow
Electric guitar
A5
G


E
A5
Am
add 2nd Electric guitar
Electric guitar
Sha-dow on the wall. Nigh, blue
Am
D
G
C
G5
Am
sha dow
Sha-dow on the wall
Treat me ke a sha dow
Black sha-dow on the wall
Am
Asus2 4
Am
G
Em/G
A5
Sha dow on the wall
Black sha dow
treat me like a sha dow
Am
Asus2 4
Am
C
Em/G
A5
repeat to fade
Nigh, blue sha dow,
treat me like a sha dow
Black sha-dow on the wa

# islands

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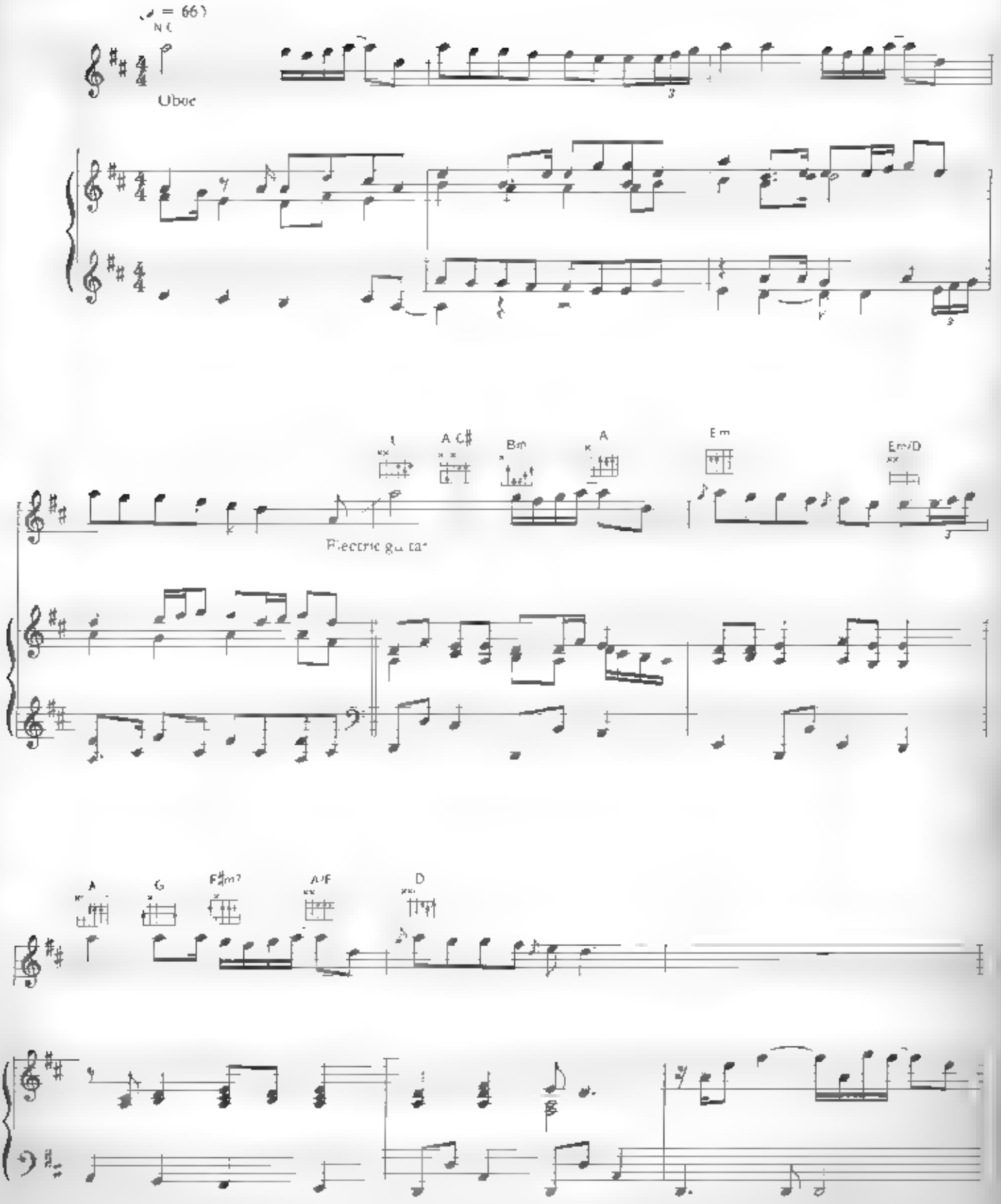


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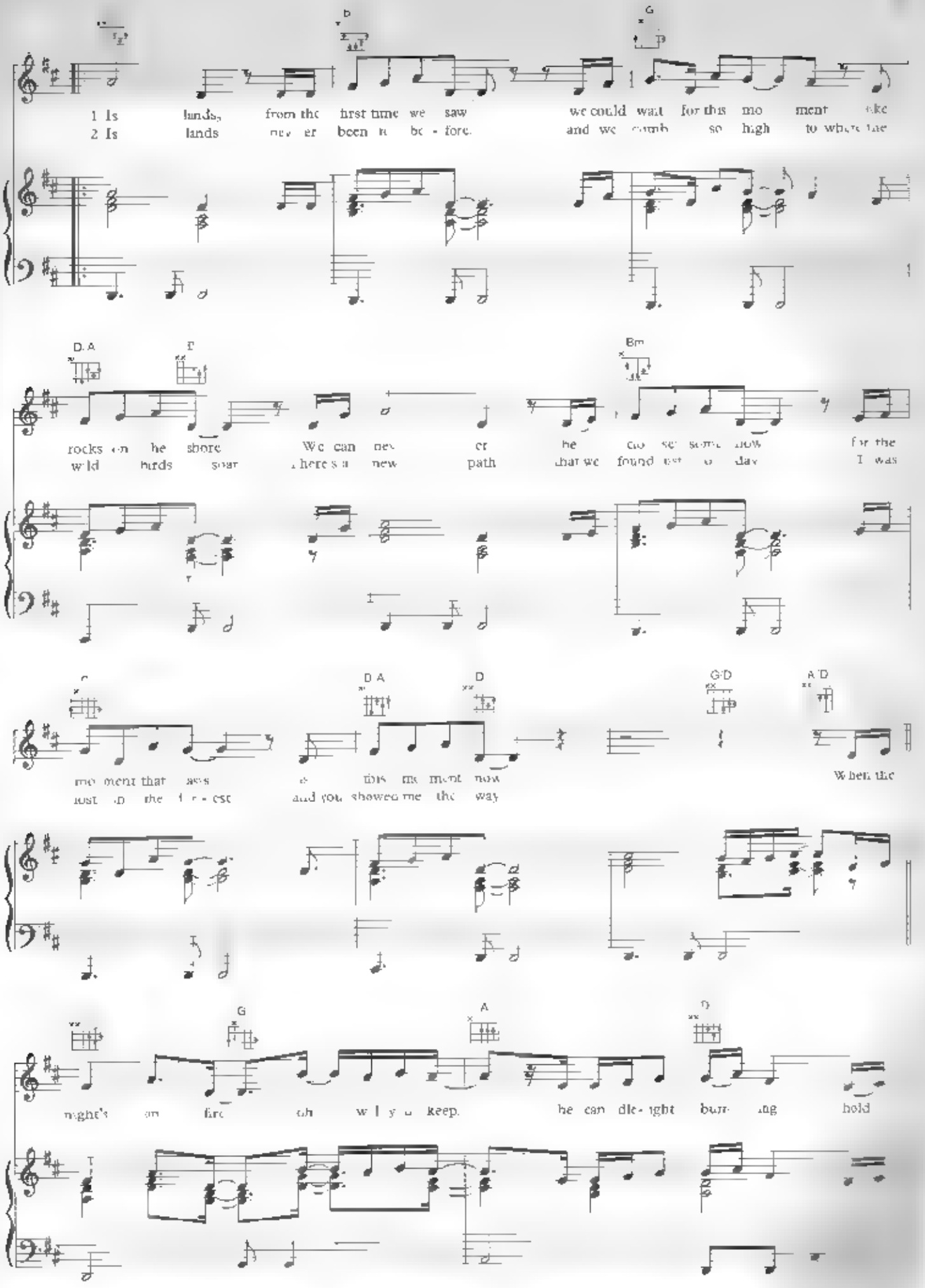
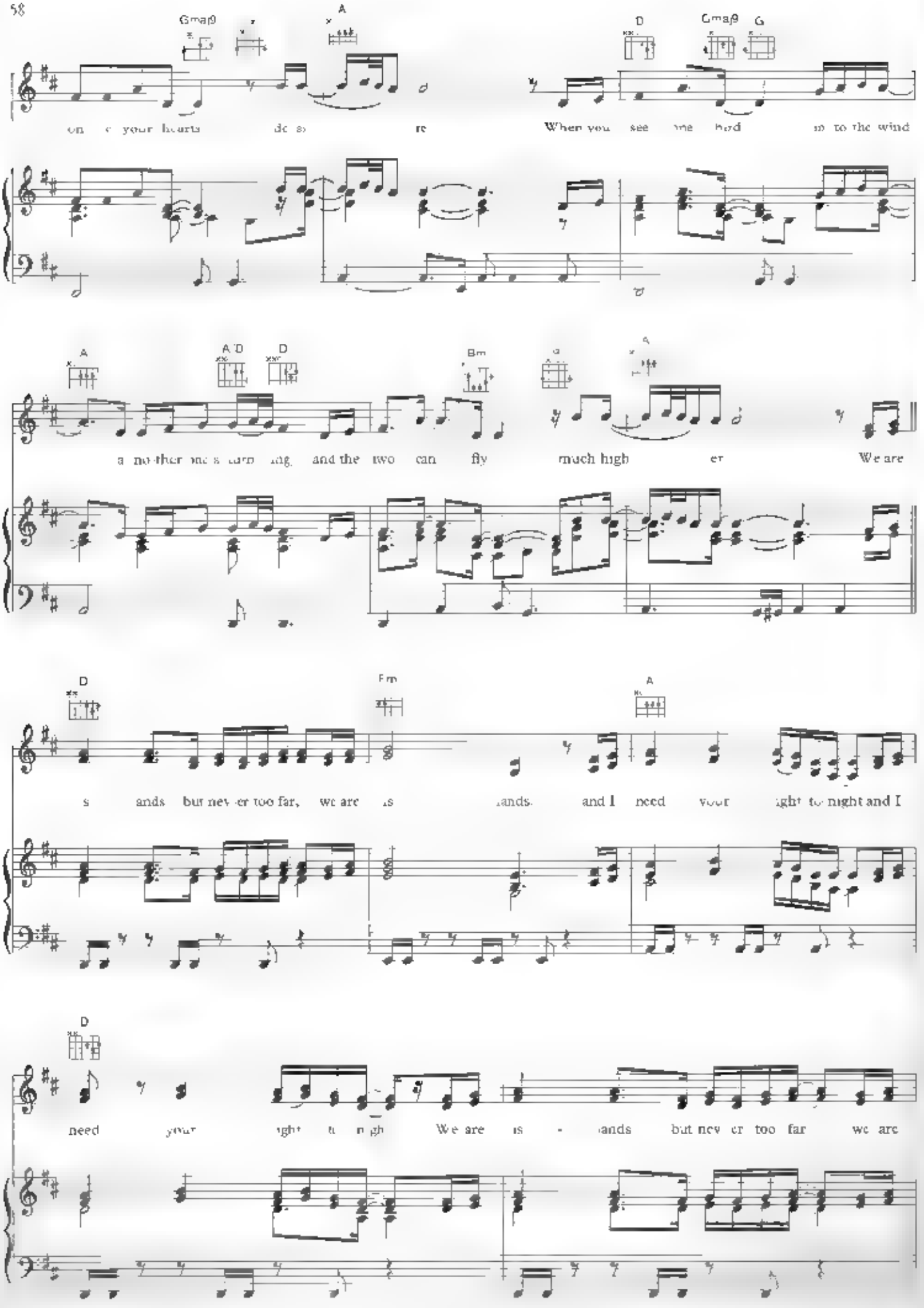
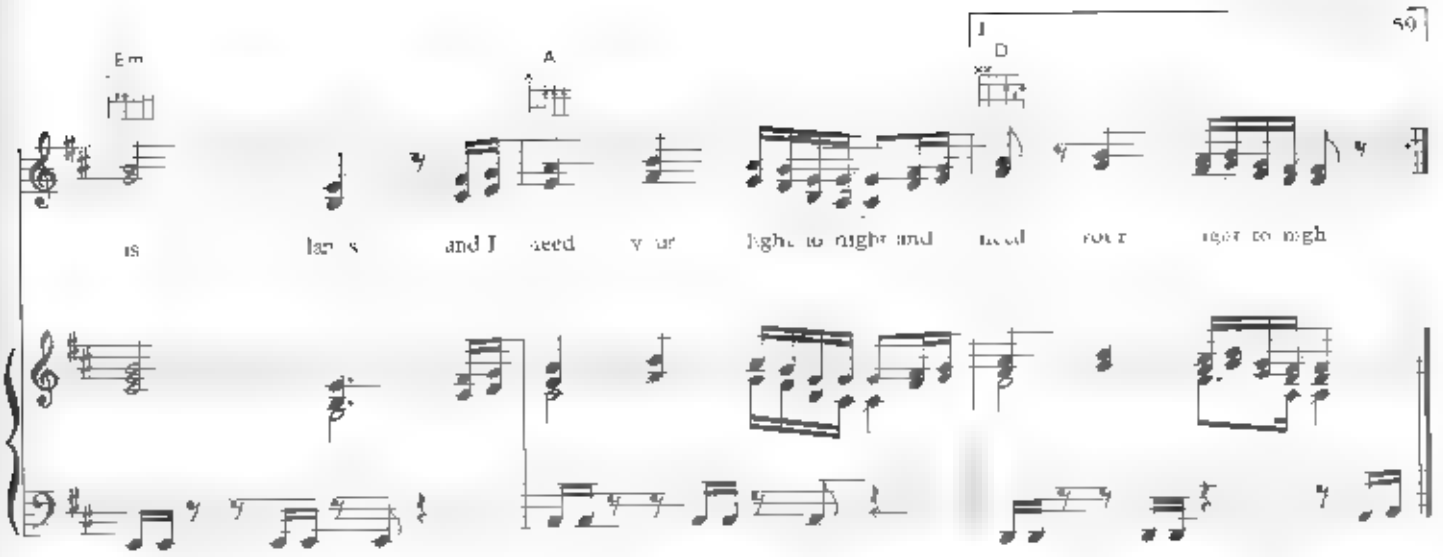
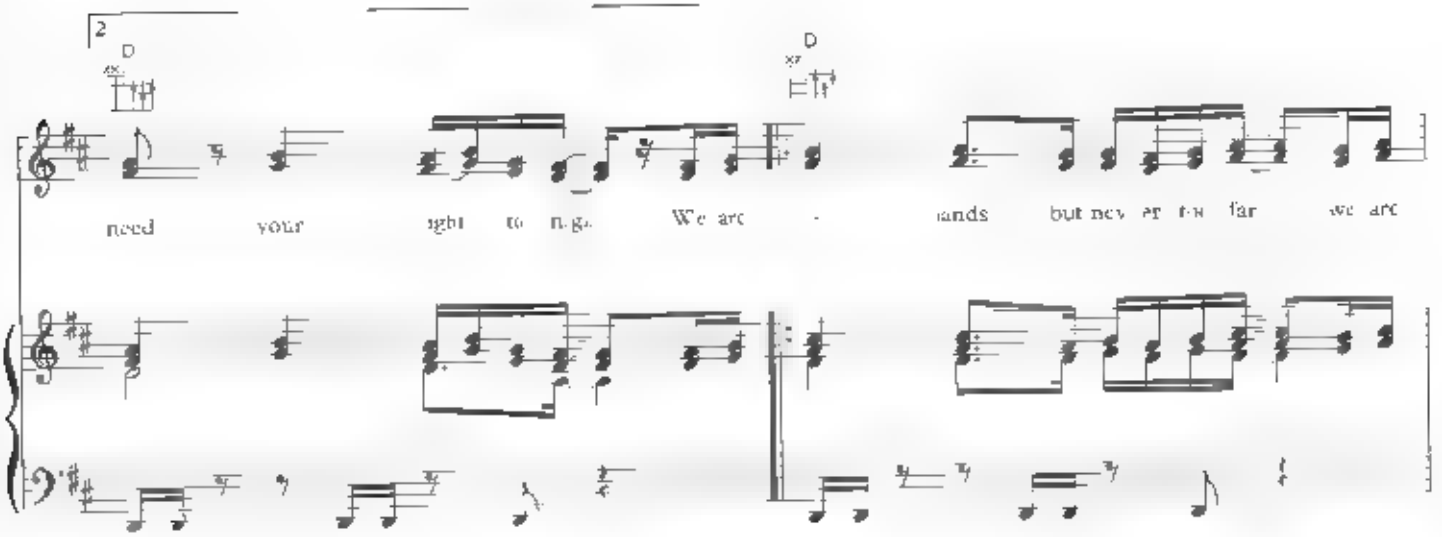
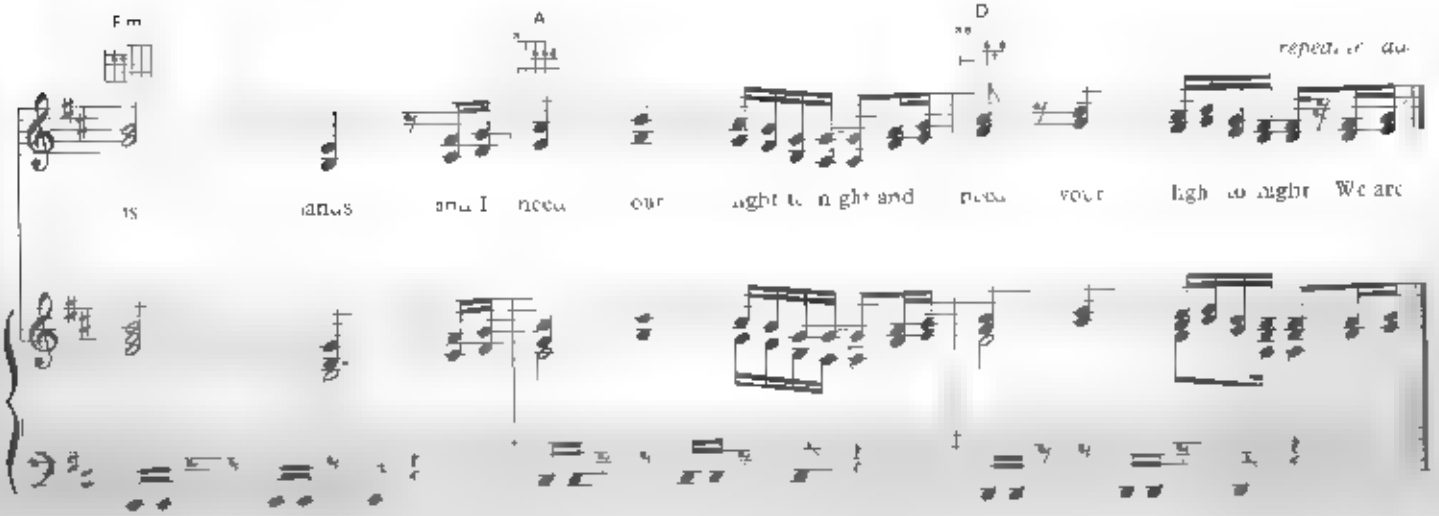

1 Is lands, from the first time we saw we could wait for this mo ment like
2 Is lands nev er been n be - fore. and we comb so high to wh's the
rocks on he shore We can nev er he co se some now for the
wild birds soar there's a new path that we found ust o day I was
mo ment that ass o this mo ment now
lost in the f - est and you showed me the way
When the
night's on fire oh w l y u keep. he can dle- ight burn ing hold


Gmaj9
A
D
Gmaj9
G
on your hearts do so re When you see me bird in to the wind
A
A D
D
Bm
A
a no-ther me's com ing, and the two can fly much high er We are
D
F♯m
A
s ands but nev er too far, we are is lands and I need your ight to night and I
D
need your ight to nigh We are is - lands but nev er too far we are


1
Em
A
D
is
and I need your light to night and need your light to nigh


2
D
D
need your ght to ng We are ands but nev er far we are


Em
A
D
repeat as
is ands and I need our ght to ght and need your lgh to night We are

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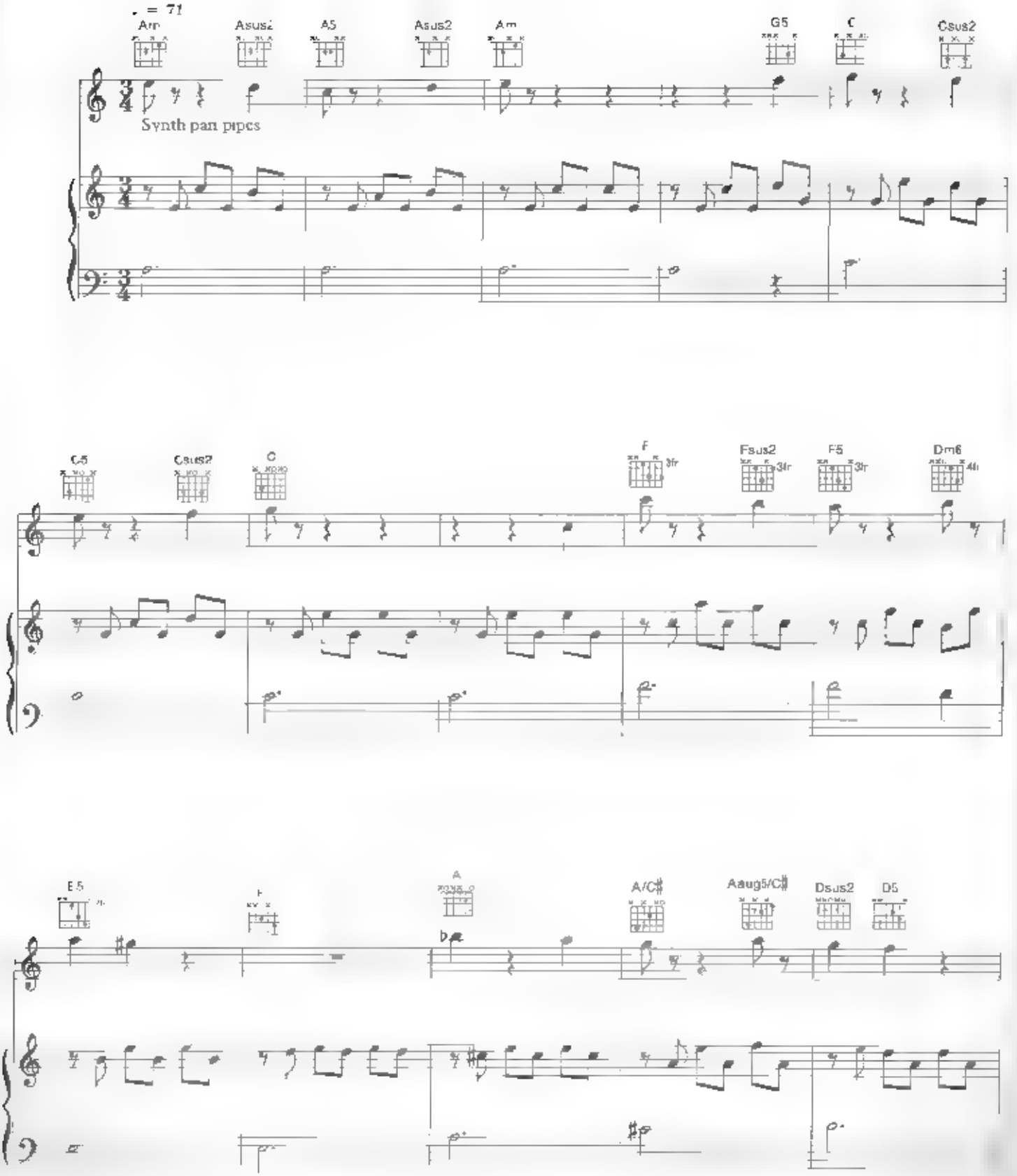


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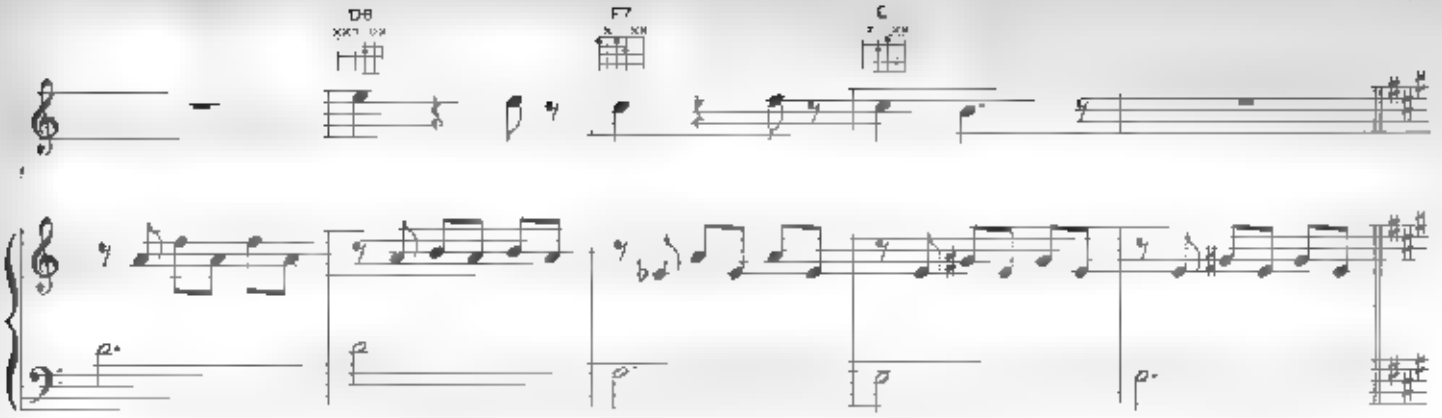
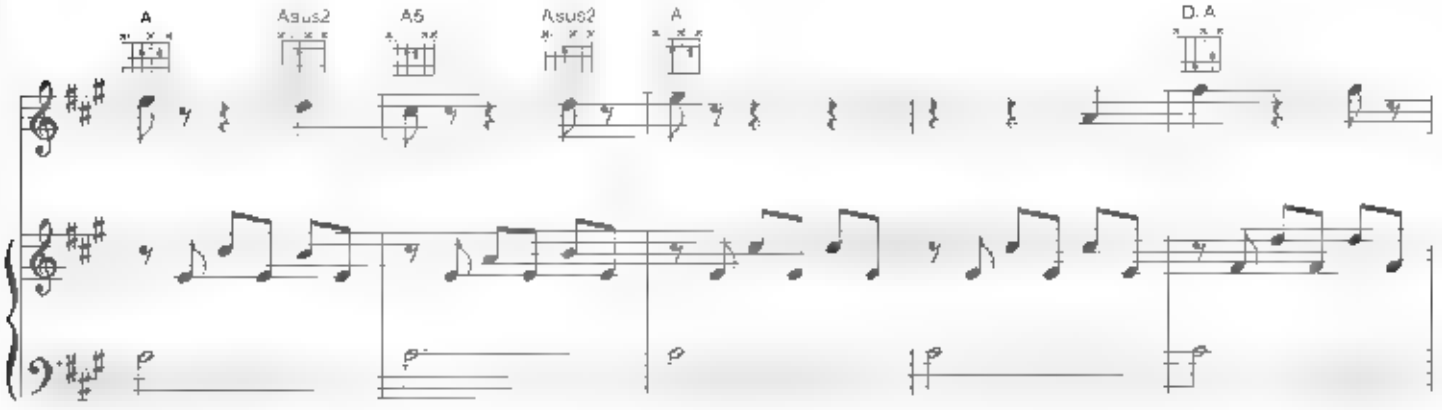
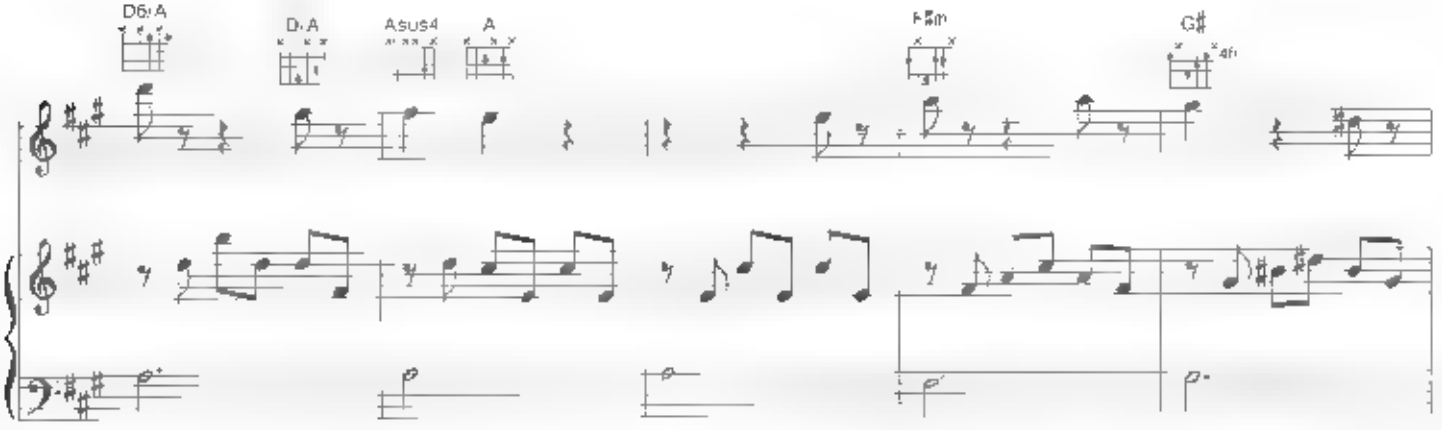
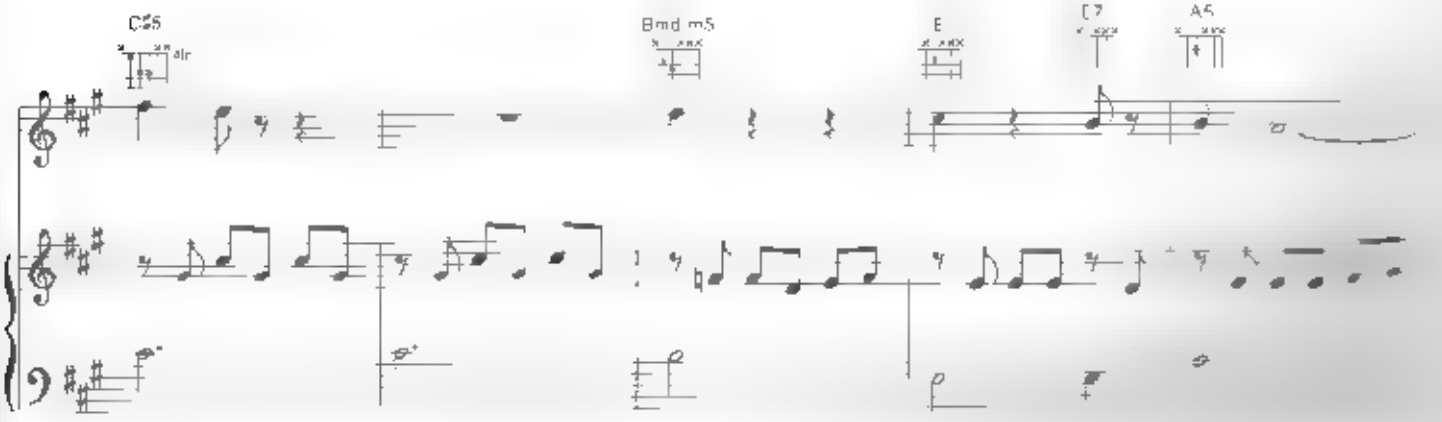
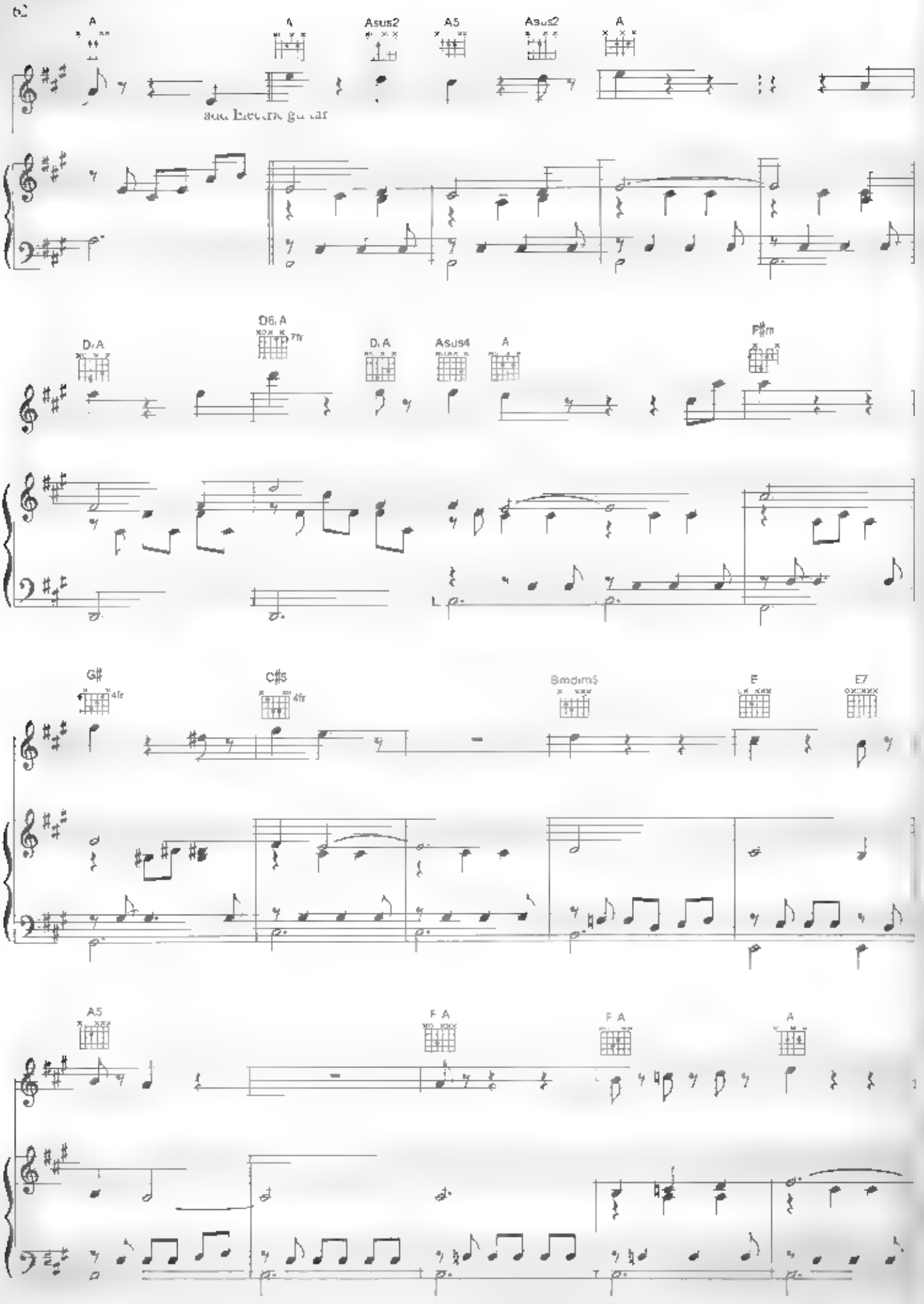
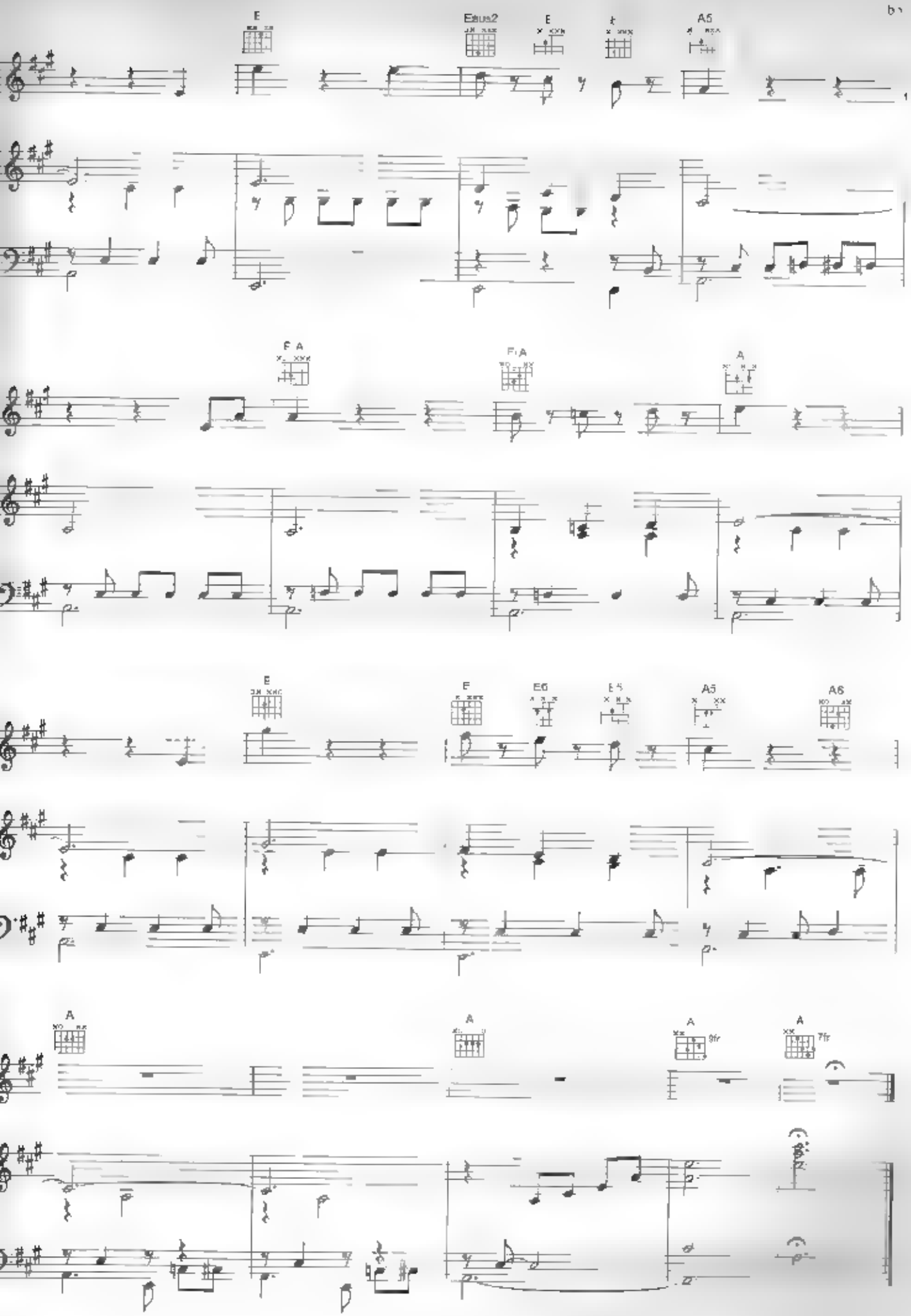

D6
F7
C


A
Asus2
A5
Asus2
A
D. A


D6/A
D. A
Asus4
A
F♯m
G♯


C♯5
Bmd m5
E
D7
A5


62
A
A
Asus2
A5
Asus2
A
add Electric guitar
D6/A
D/A
D/A
Asus4
A
F♯m
G♯
4fr
C♯5
4fr
Bmdim5
E
E7
A5
F A
F A
A


E
Esus2
E
A5
F♯A
F♯A
A
E
E
E6
E5
A5
A6
A
A
A
9fr
A
7fr

# sentinel

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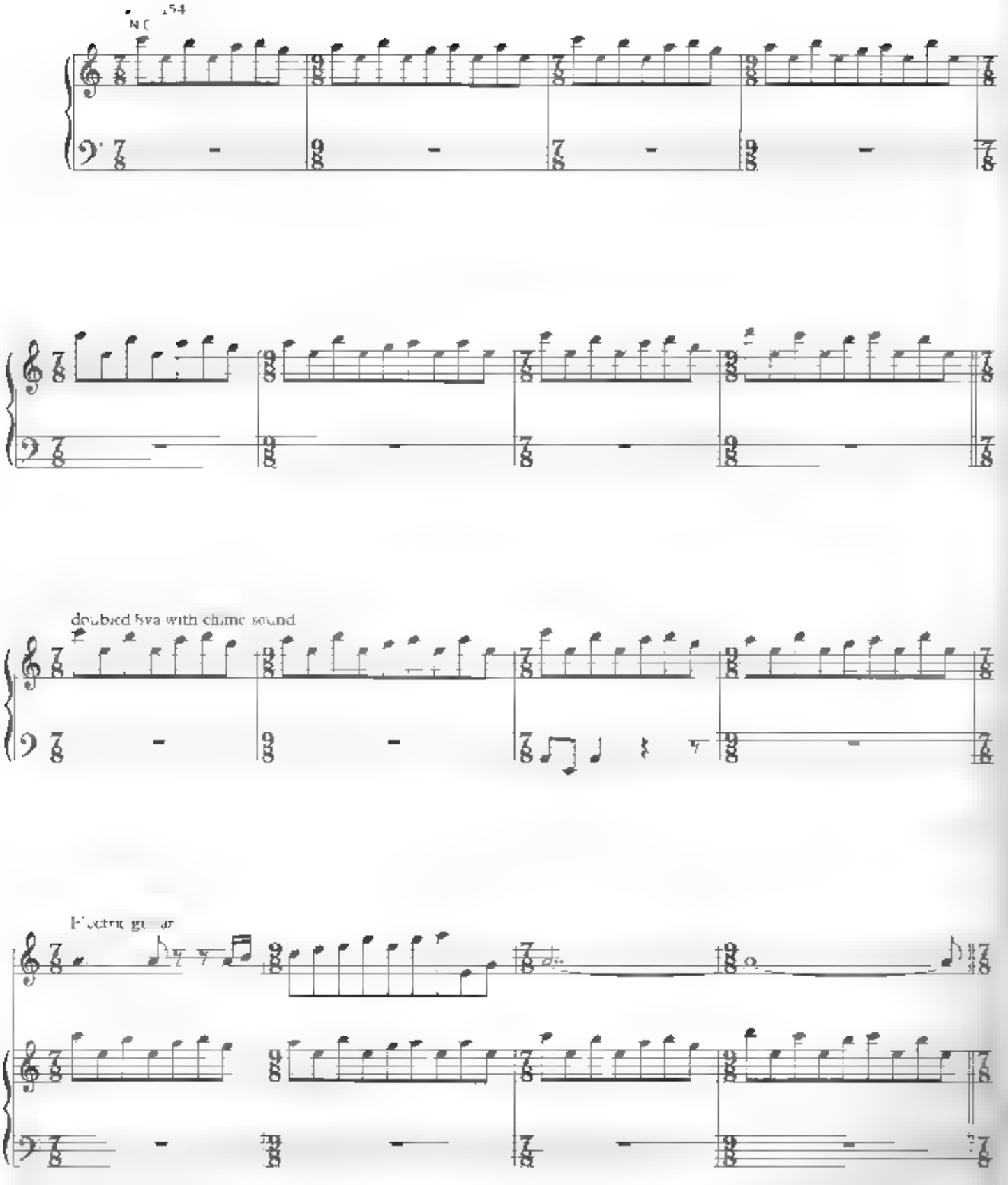


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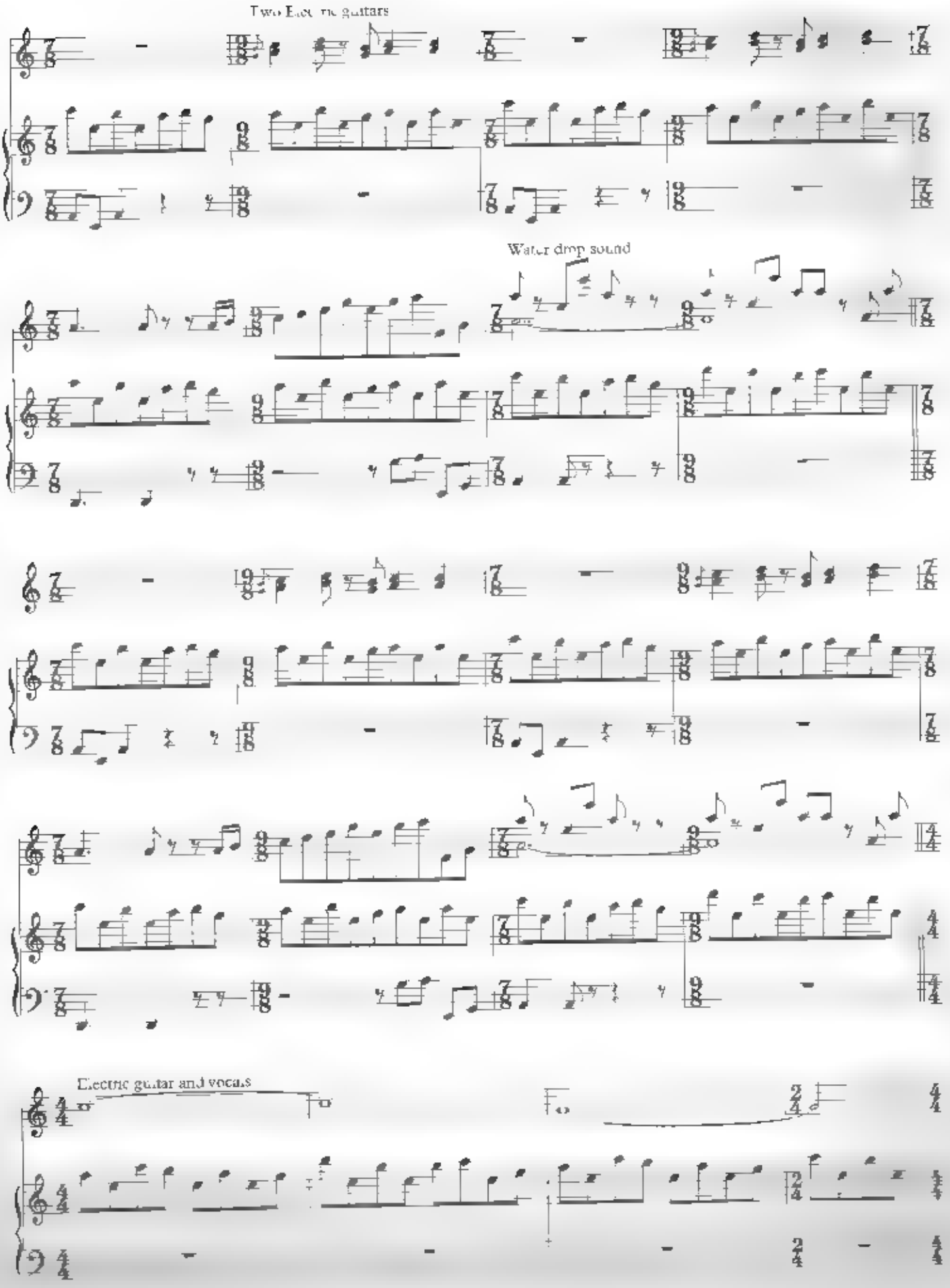
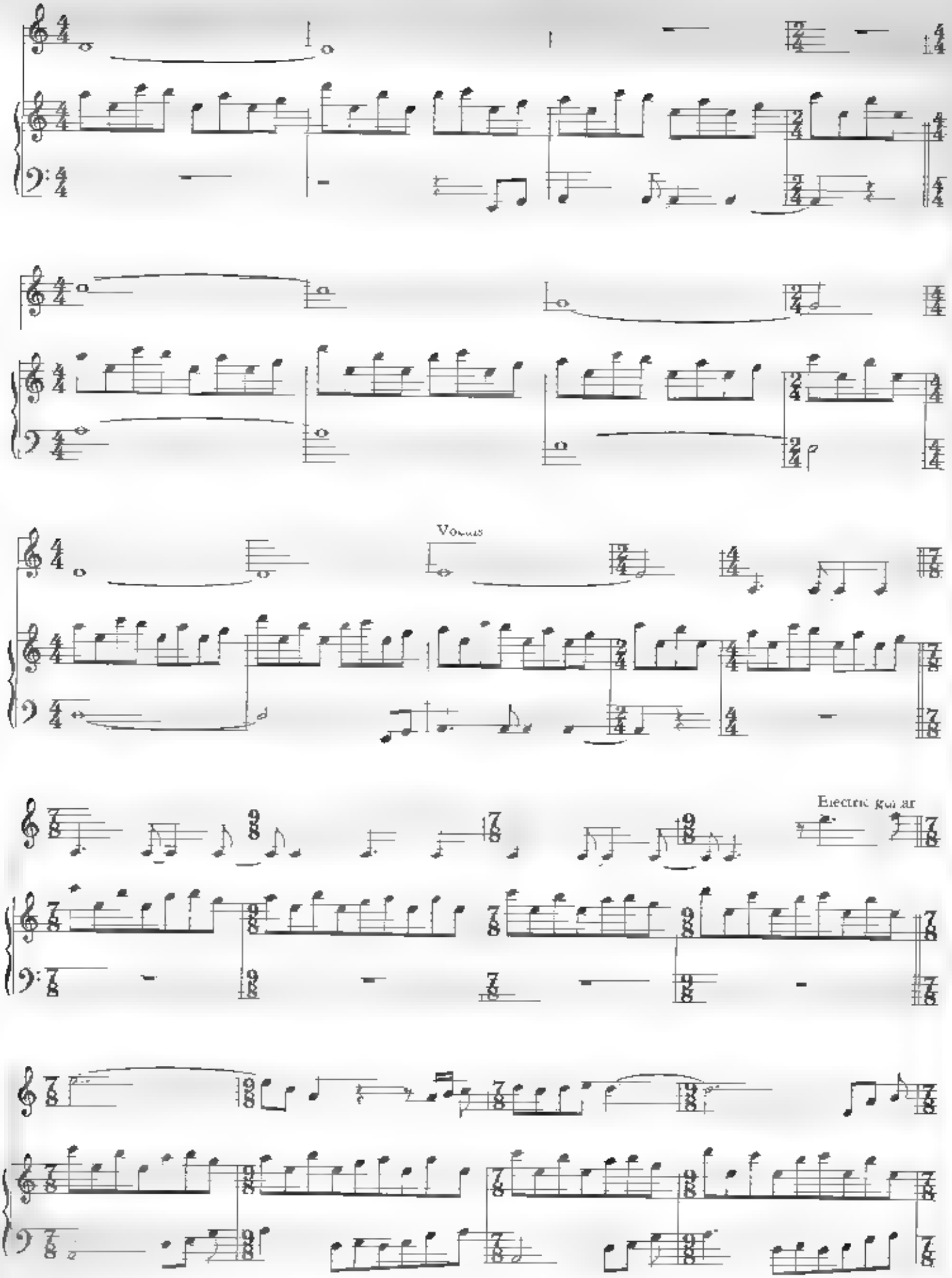
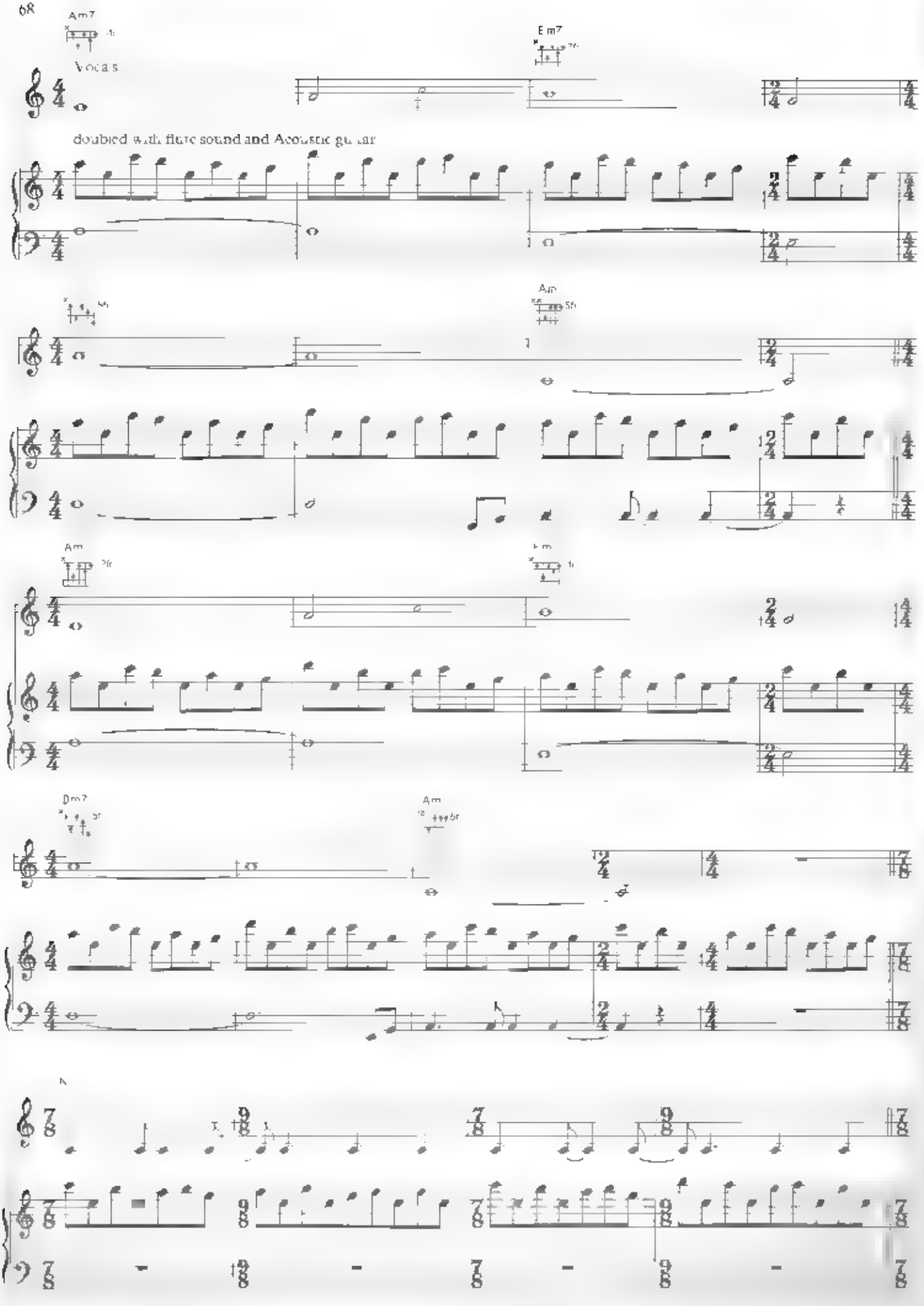
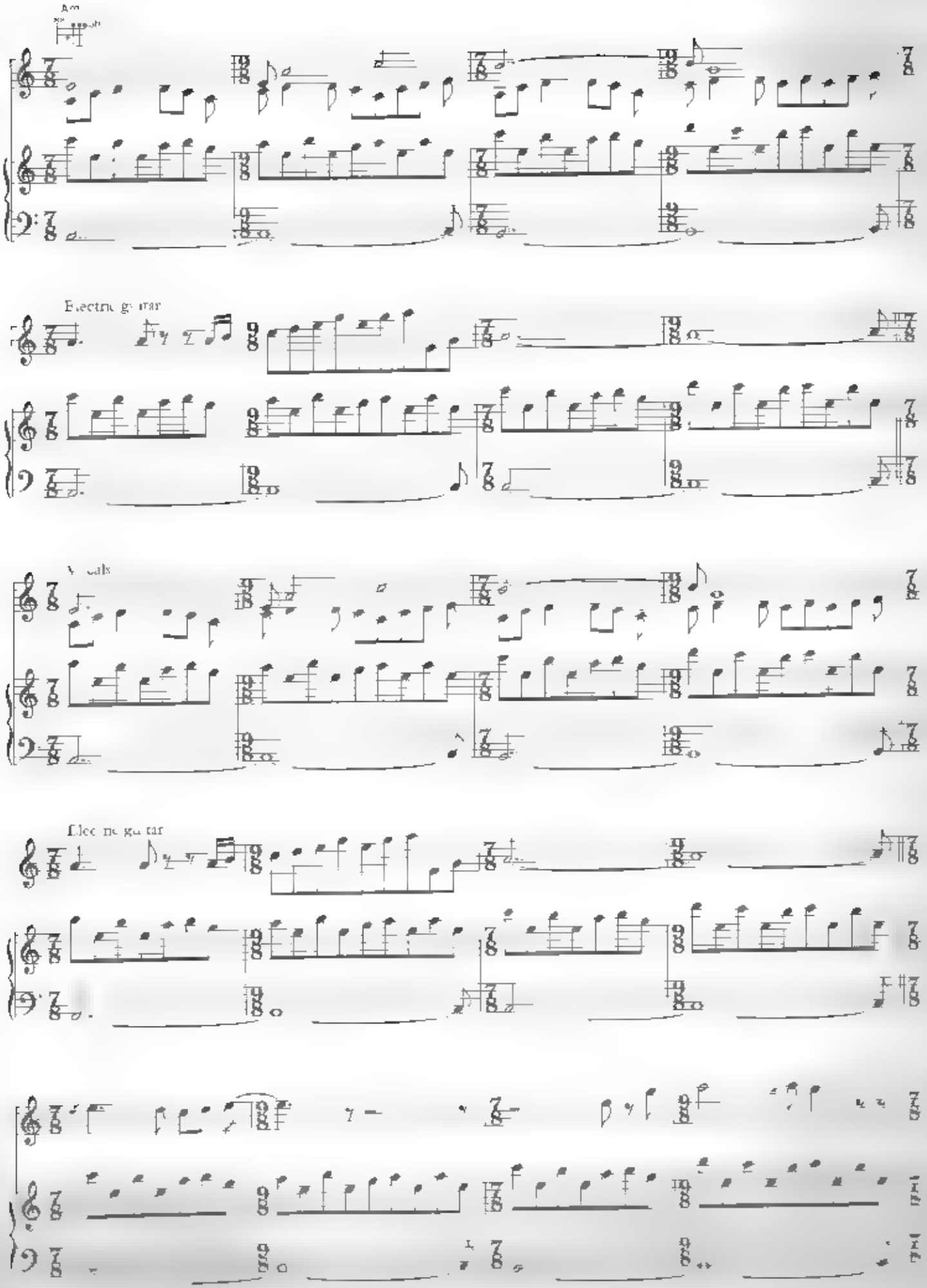
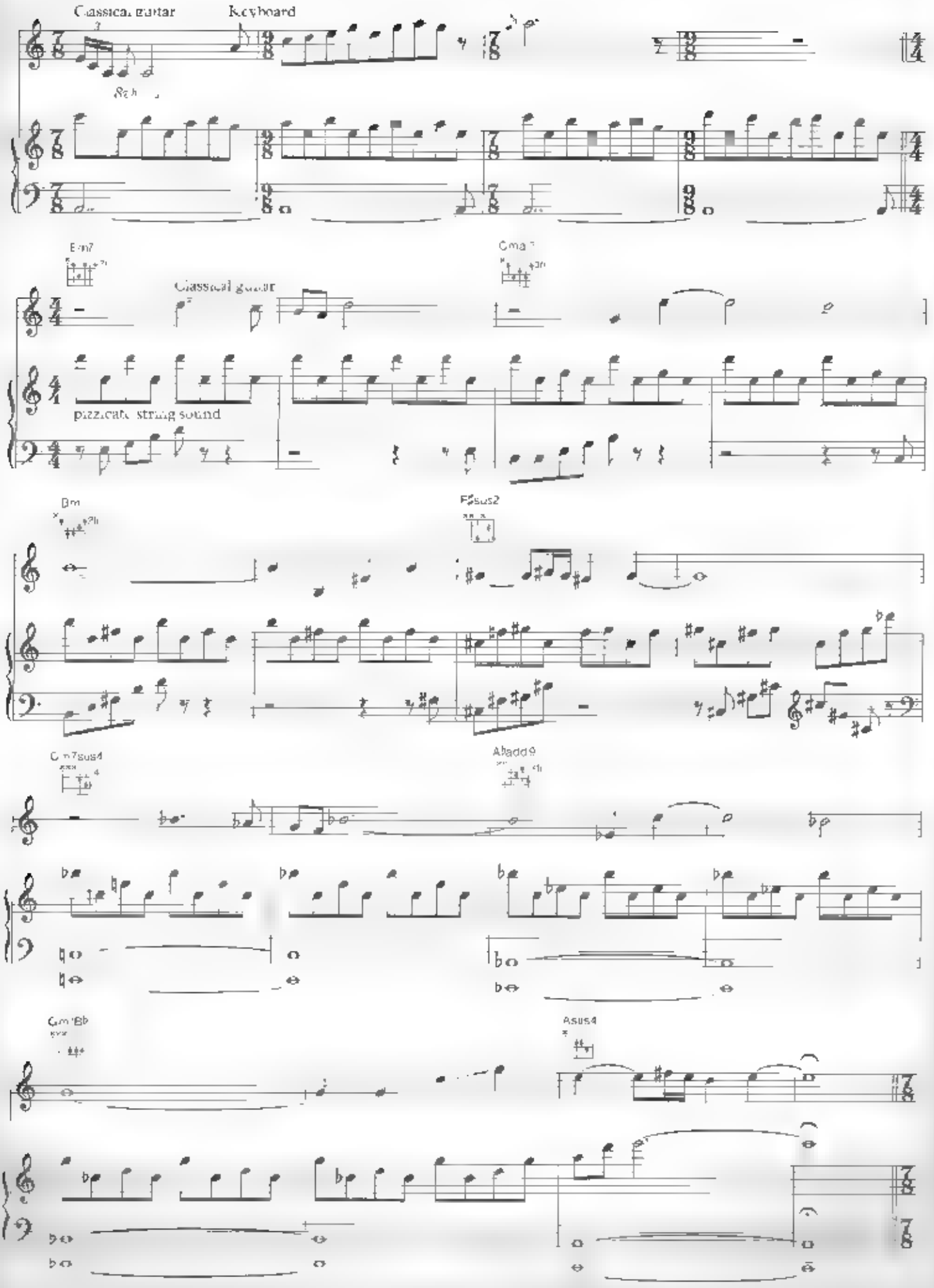
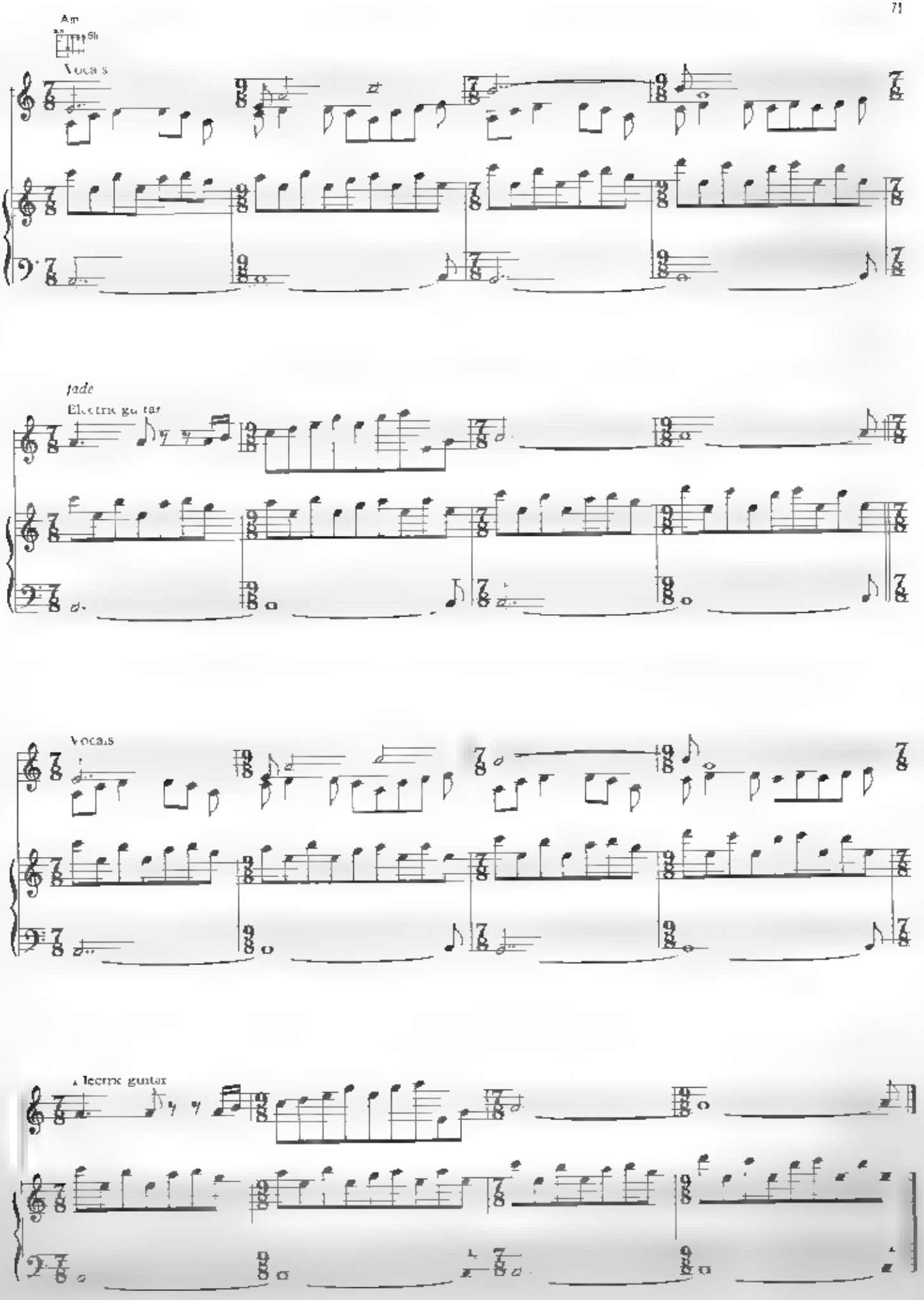

Two Electric guitars
Water drop sound
Electric guitar and vocals


Vocals
Electric guitar


Am7
Vocals
Em7
doubled with flute sound and Acoustic guitar
Am
Am
Em
Dm7
Am


Am
Electric guitar
Vocals
Electric guitar


Classical guitar
Keyboard
E♭m7
Cmaj7
Classical guitar
pizzicato string sound
Bm
F♯sus2
Gm7sus4
Abadd9
Gm7Bb
Asus4


Am
Vocals
fade
Electric guitar
Vocals
Electric guitar

# ommadawn

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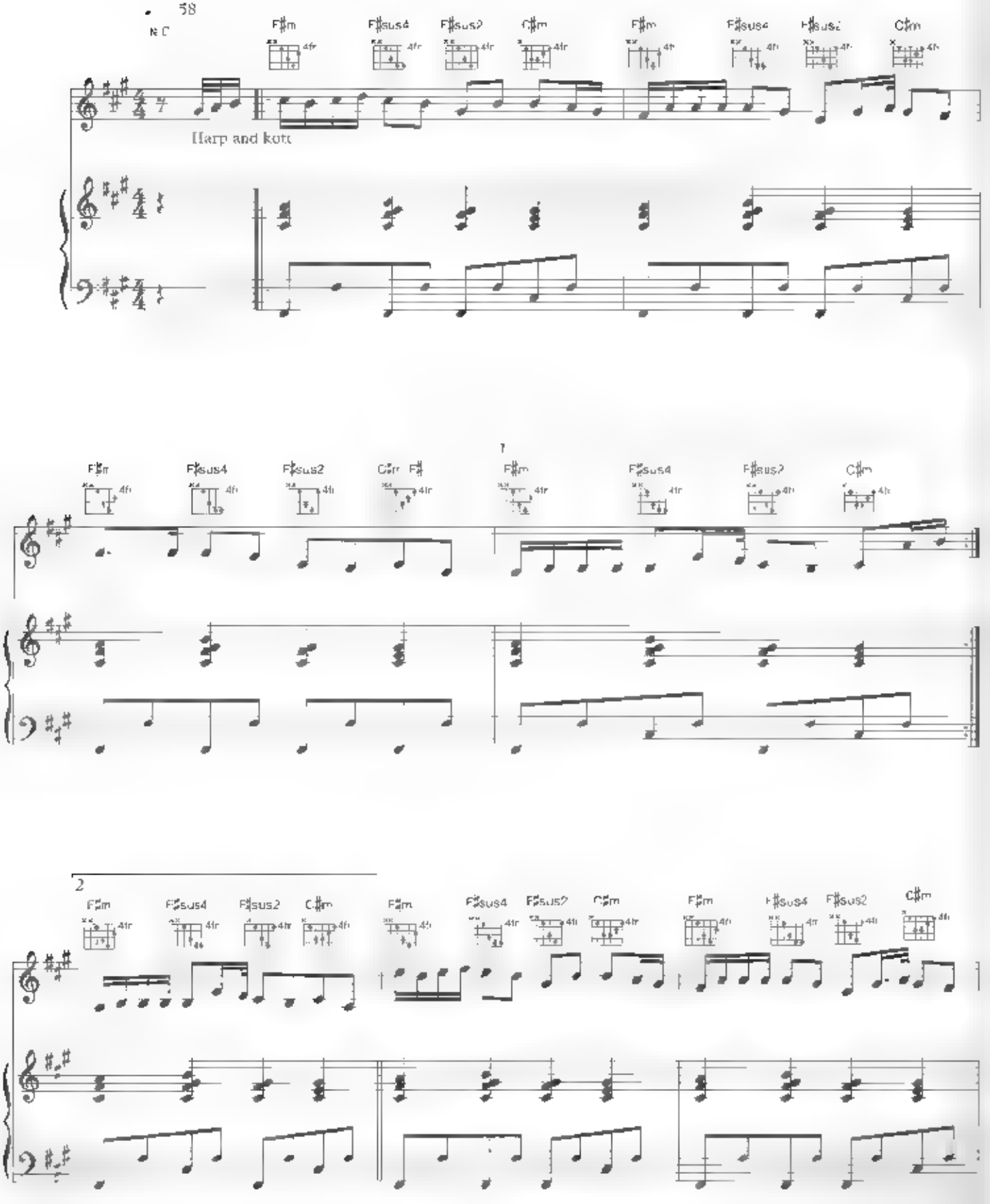


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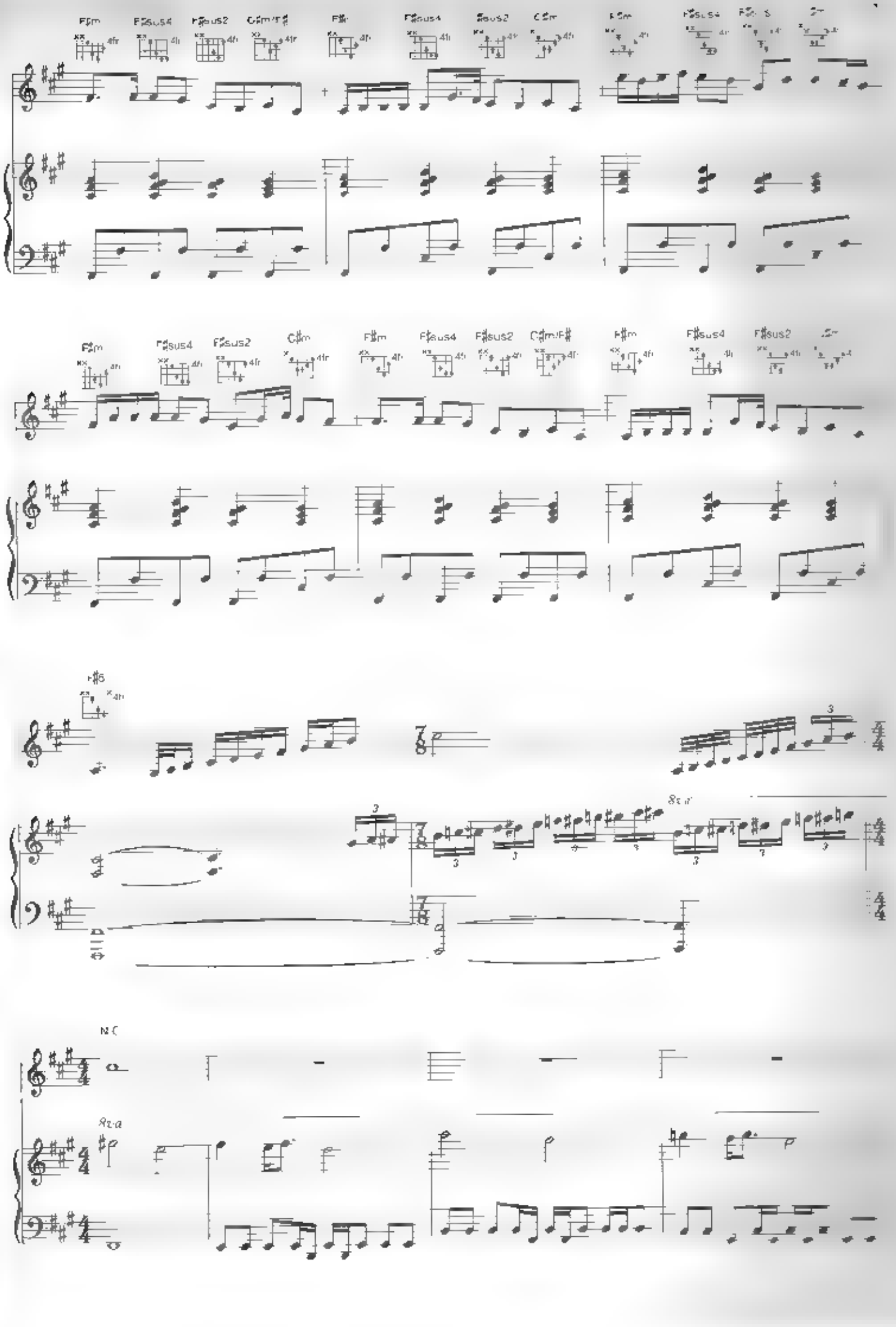
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m/F♯
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
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F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m/F♯
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m
F♯m
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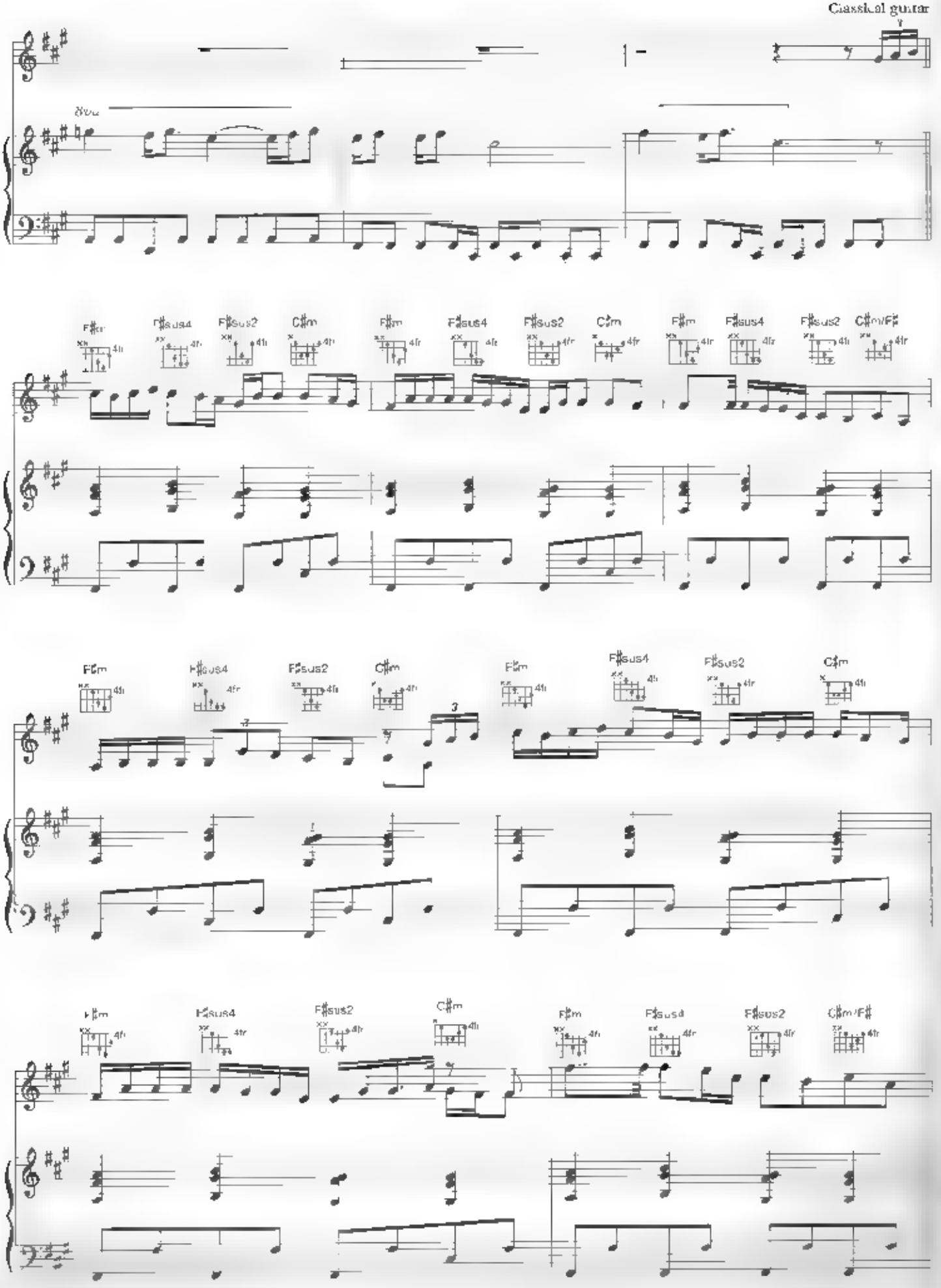
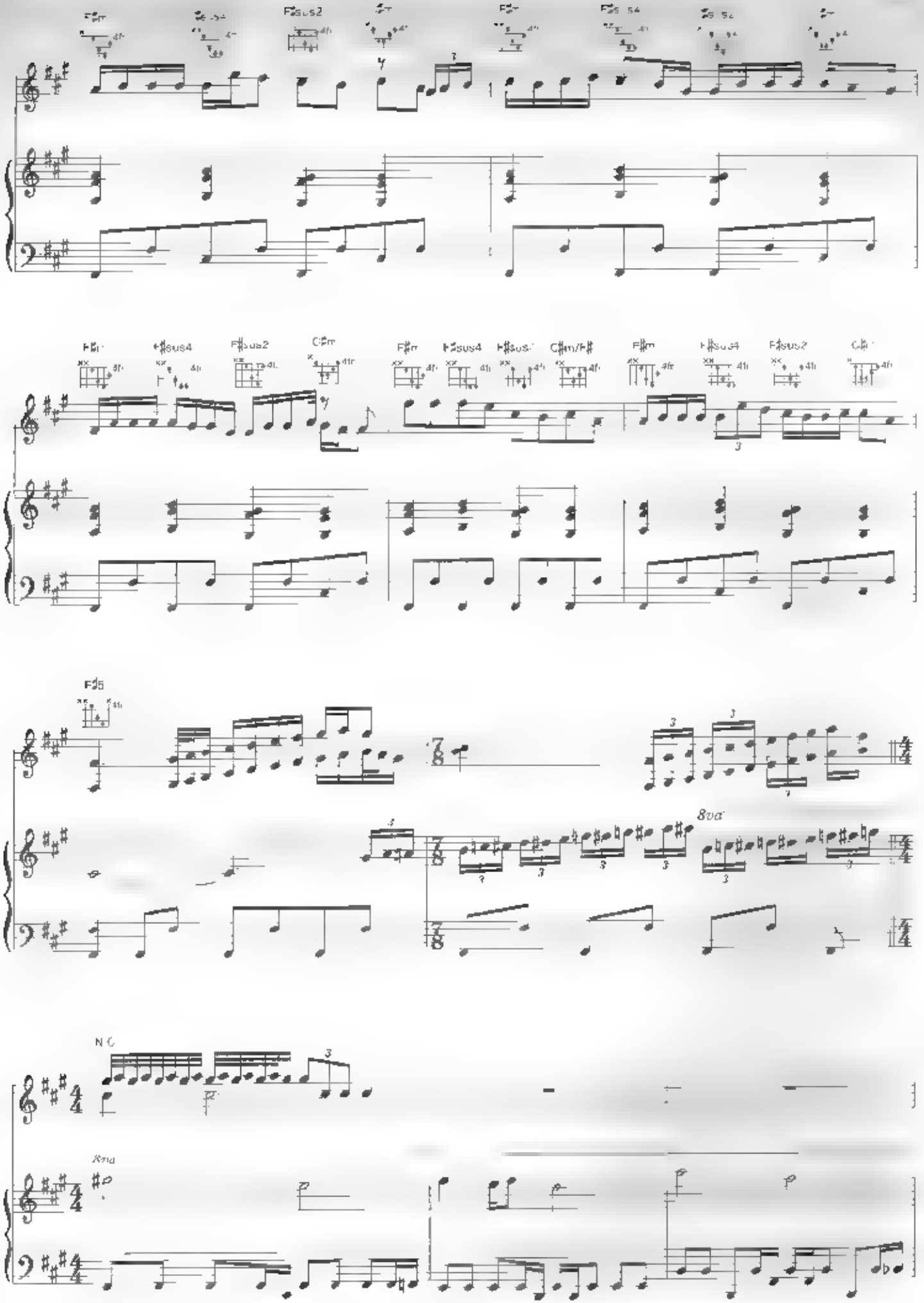
C♯m/F♯
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
N.C
8va

Classical guitar

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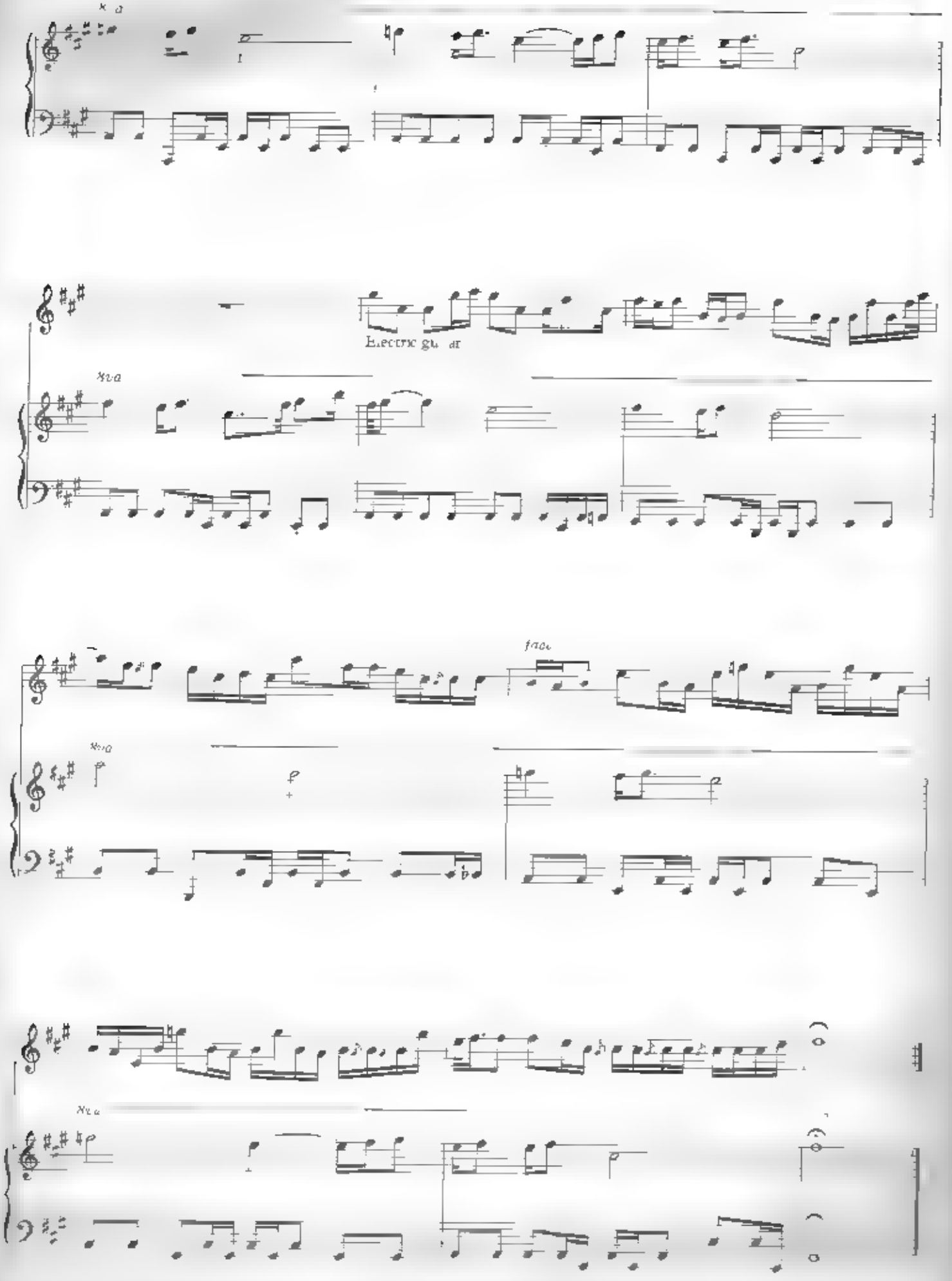
F♯sus2
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m/F♯
F♯m
F♯sus4
F♯sus2
C♯m
F♯5
8va
N.C.
Rhd.


Electric gu ar

# portsmouth

Arranged by
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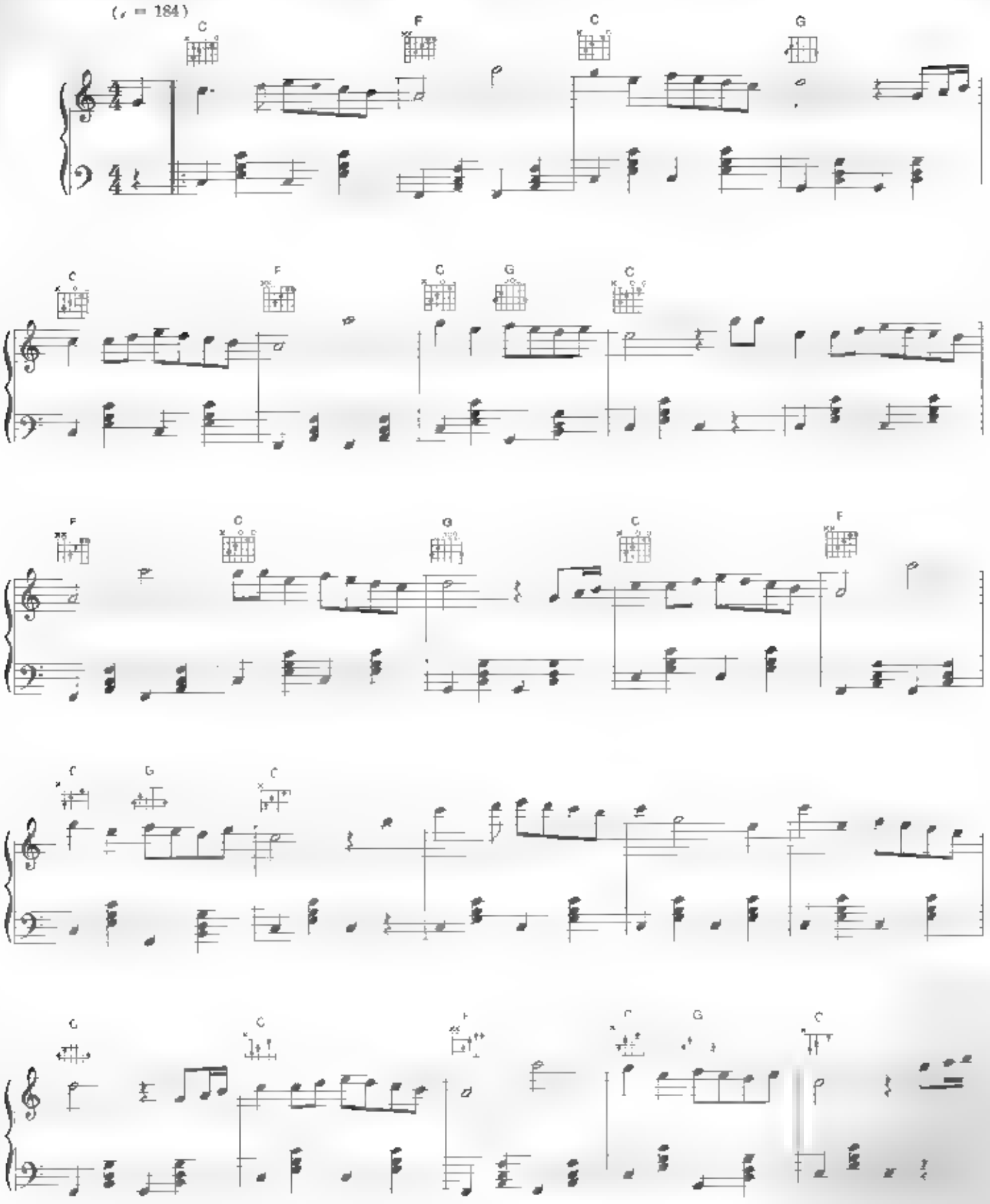


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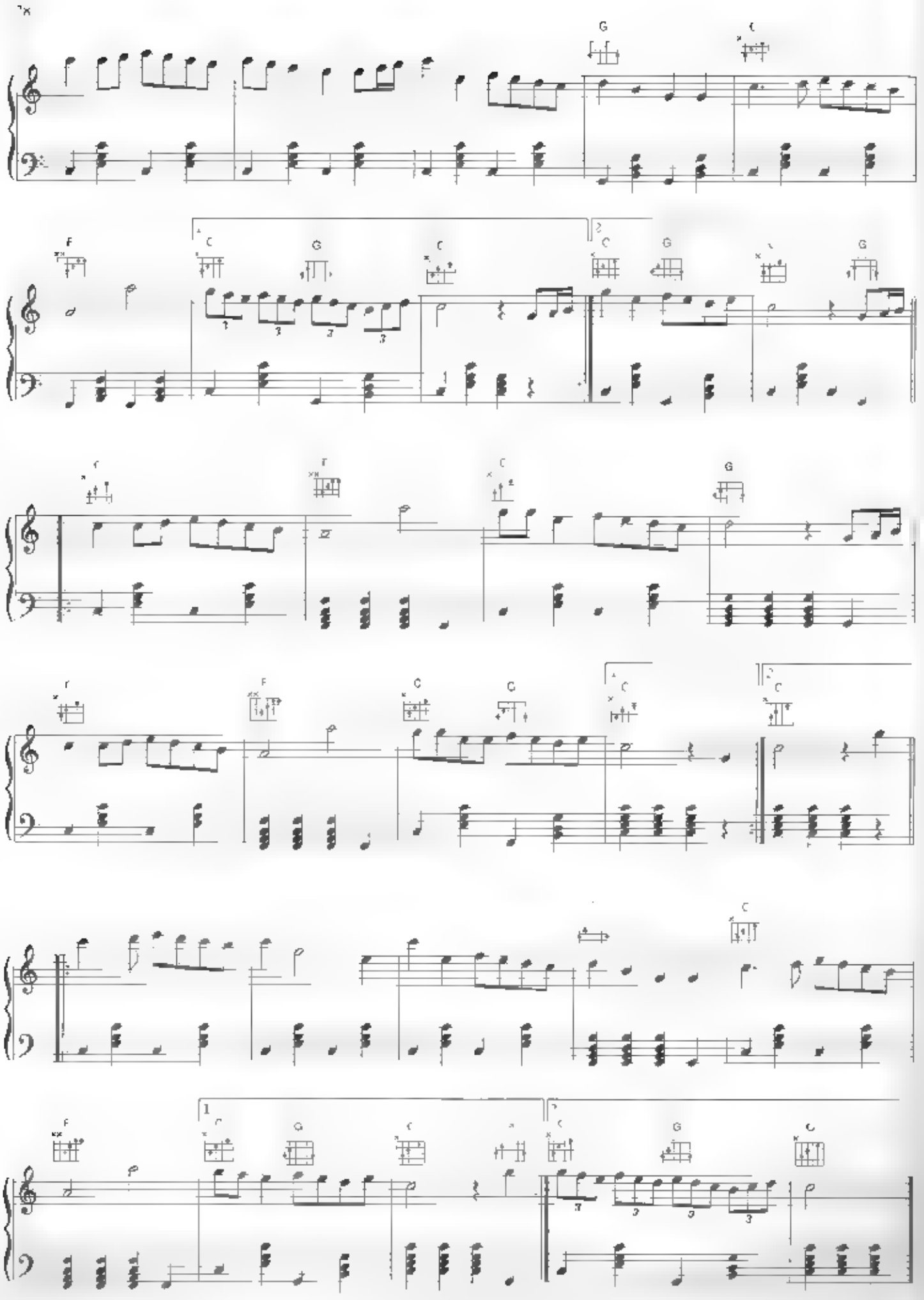
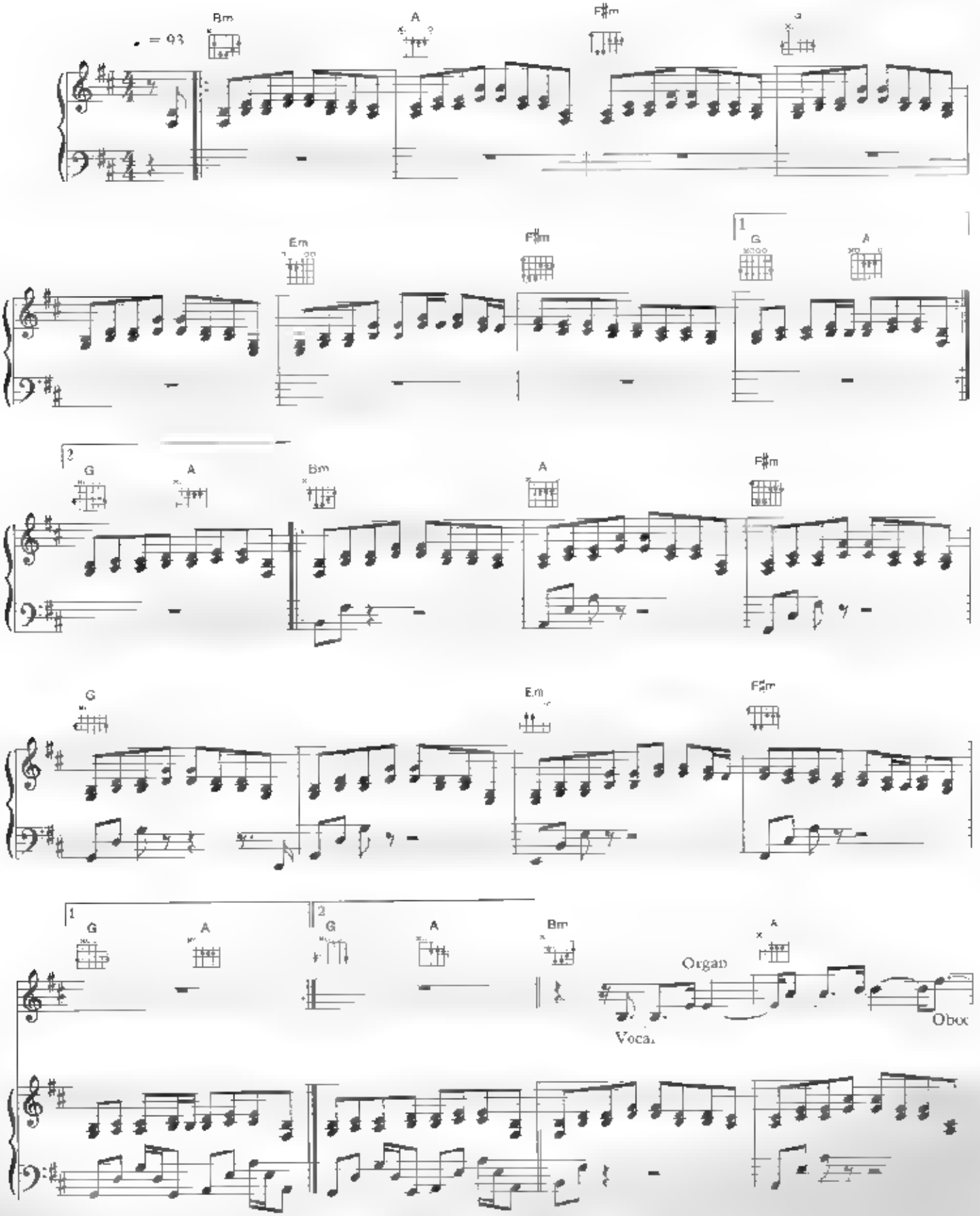


# incantations – part four

Music by
Robert Howes, Barbara Courtney-King,
Steve Davies and William McGillivray

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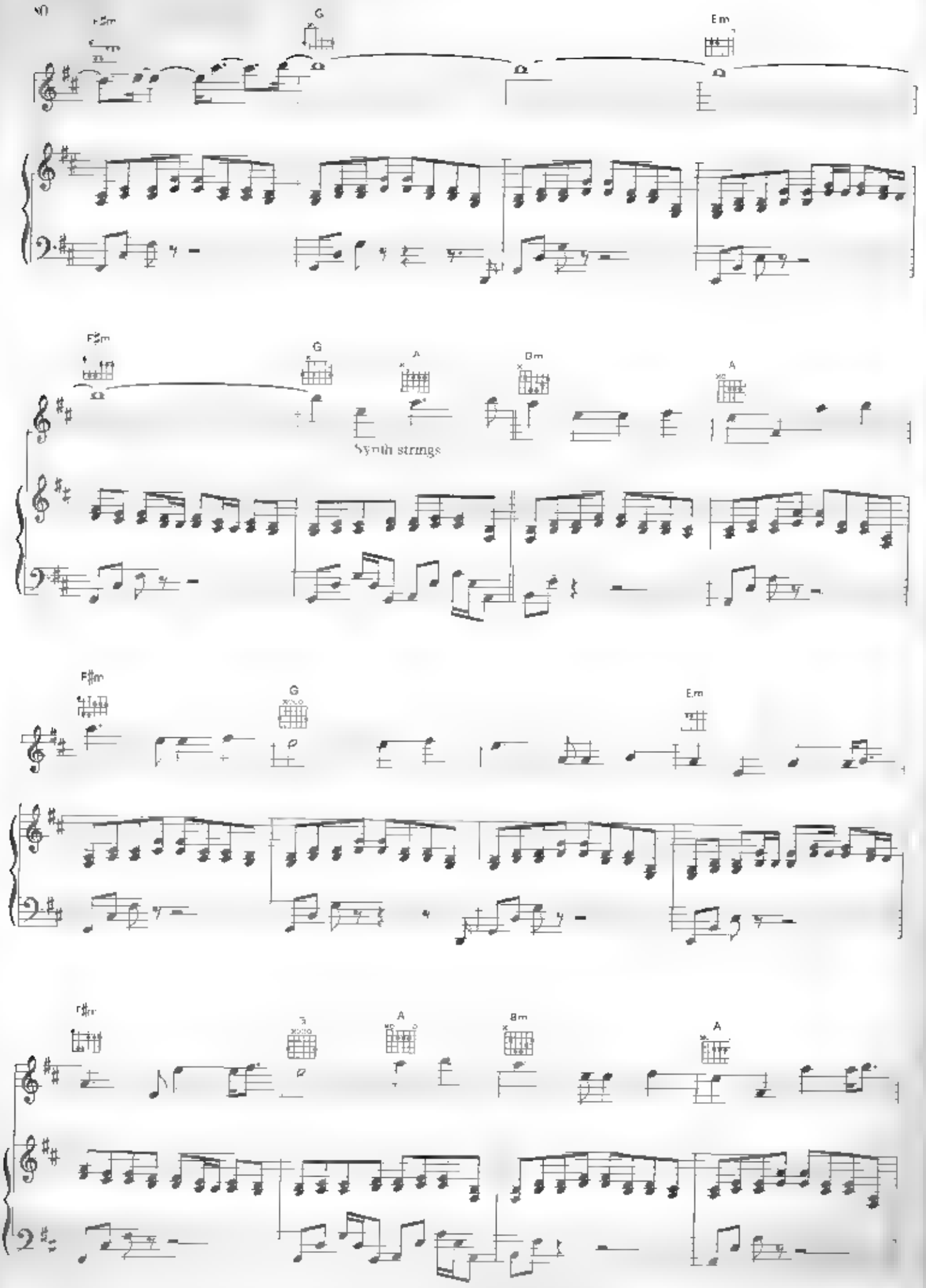

G
Em
F♯m
G
A
Bm
A
Synth strings
F♯m
G
Em
F♯m
A
Bm
A

F♯m G E m

F♯m G A E m D

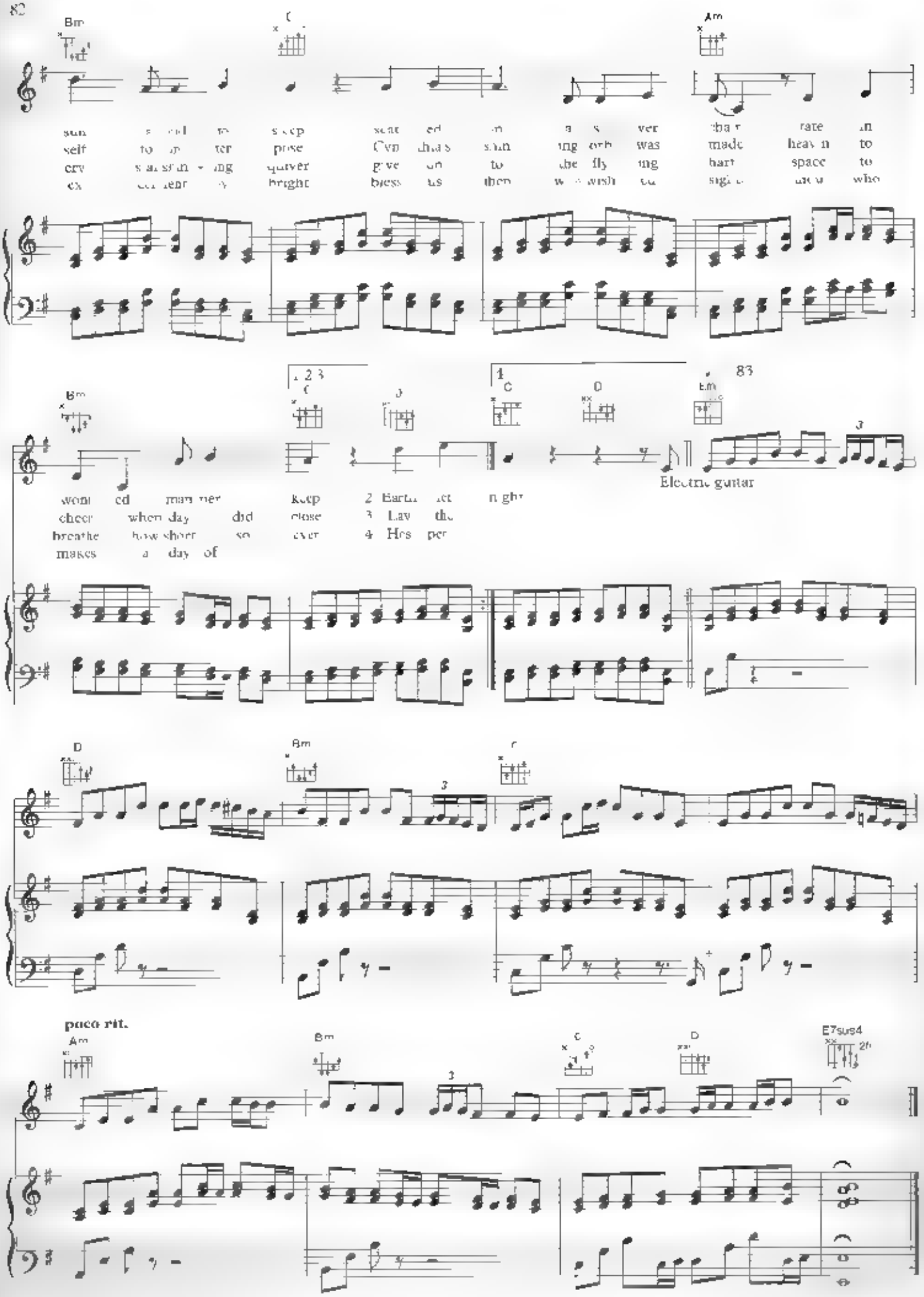
Electric guitar

B m C A m

B m D E m D

Female voca.

1 Queen and hunt ress chas'n and fair, now the
2 not an en vious shade dare it
3 bow of pear a part, and the
4 as en treats thy light, god dess


Bm
C
Am
sun s cr l to s ep scat ed n a s ver tha r rate n
self to p ter prose Ov chas s un ing orb was made heav n to
cry s a s sh n ng quiver give on to the fly ing hart space to
ex cc ll ent y bright bless us them w sh wish ou sig c ace who
Bm
C
D
Em
83
Electric guitar
word ed man ner kcep 2 Earth ket n ght
cheer when day did close 3 Lay the
breathe how short so ever 4 Hos per
makes a day of
D
Bm
C
paco rit.
Am
Bm
C
D
E7sus4

# amarok

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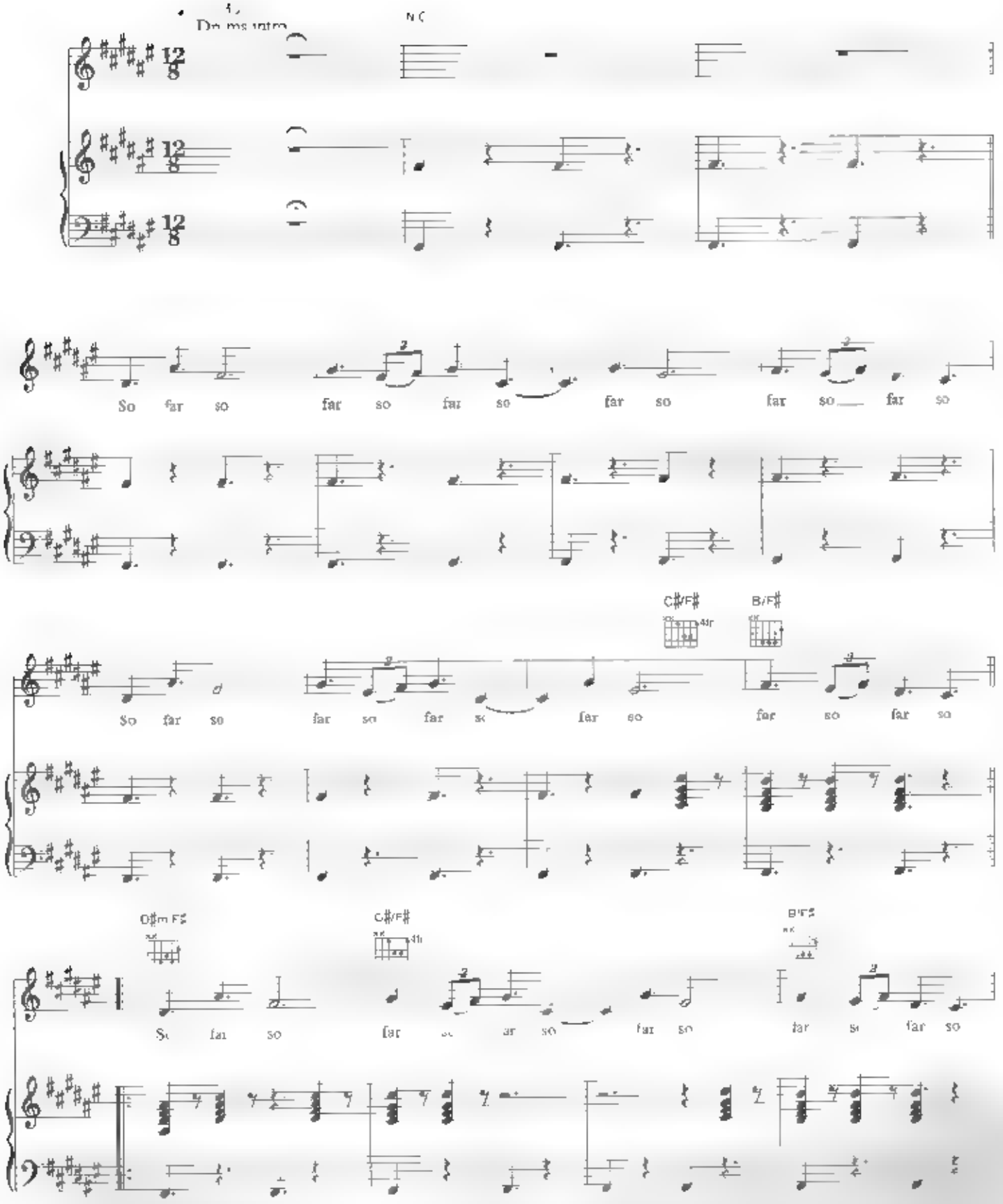


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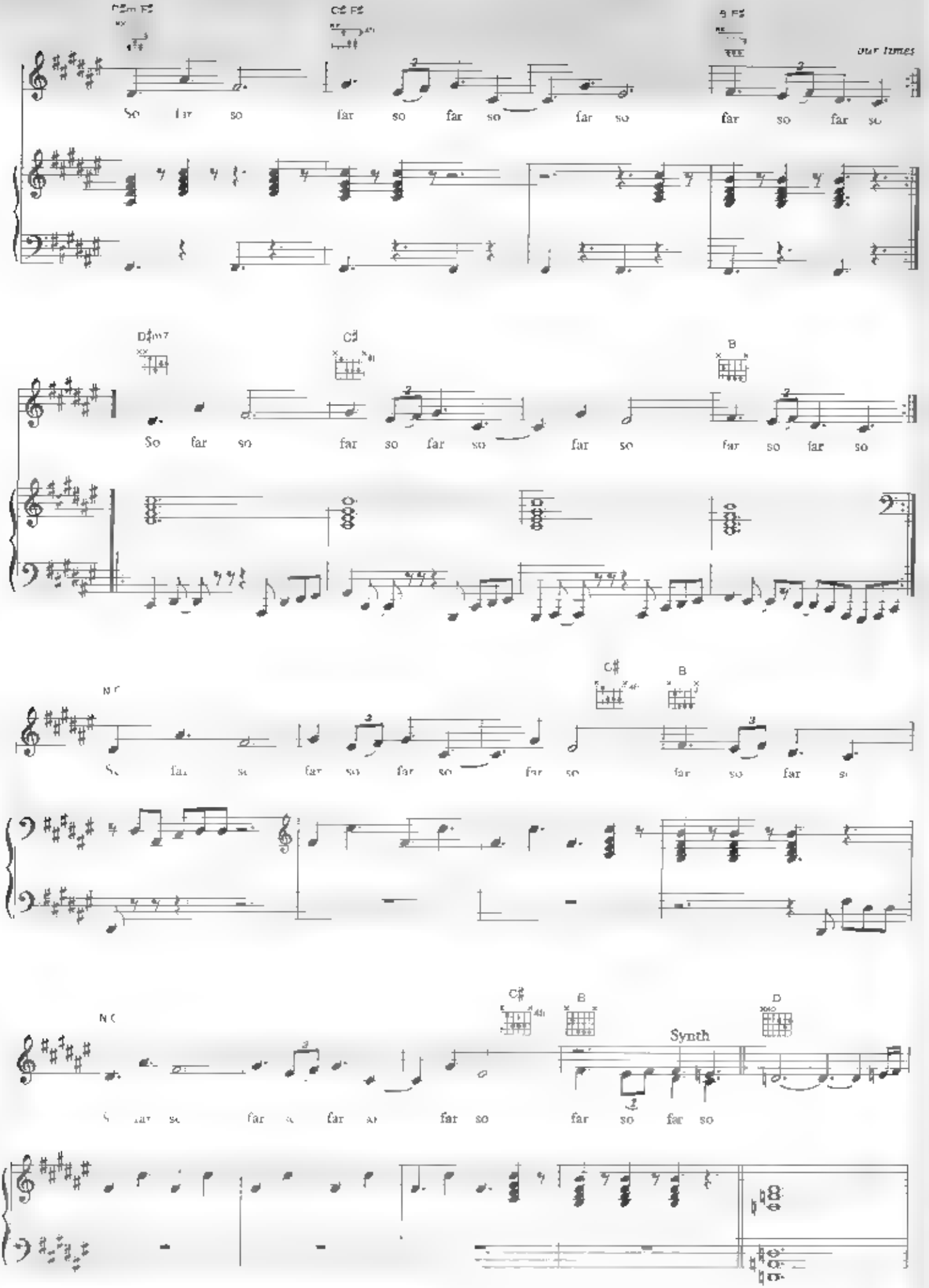
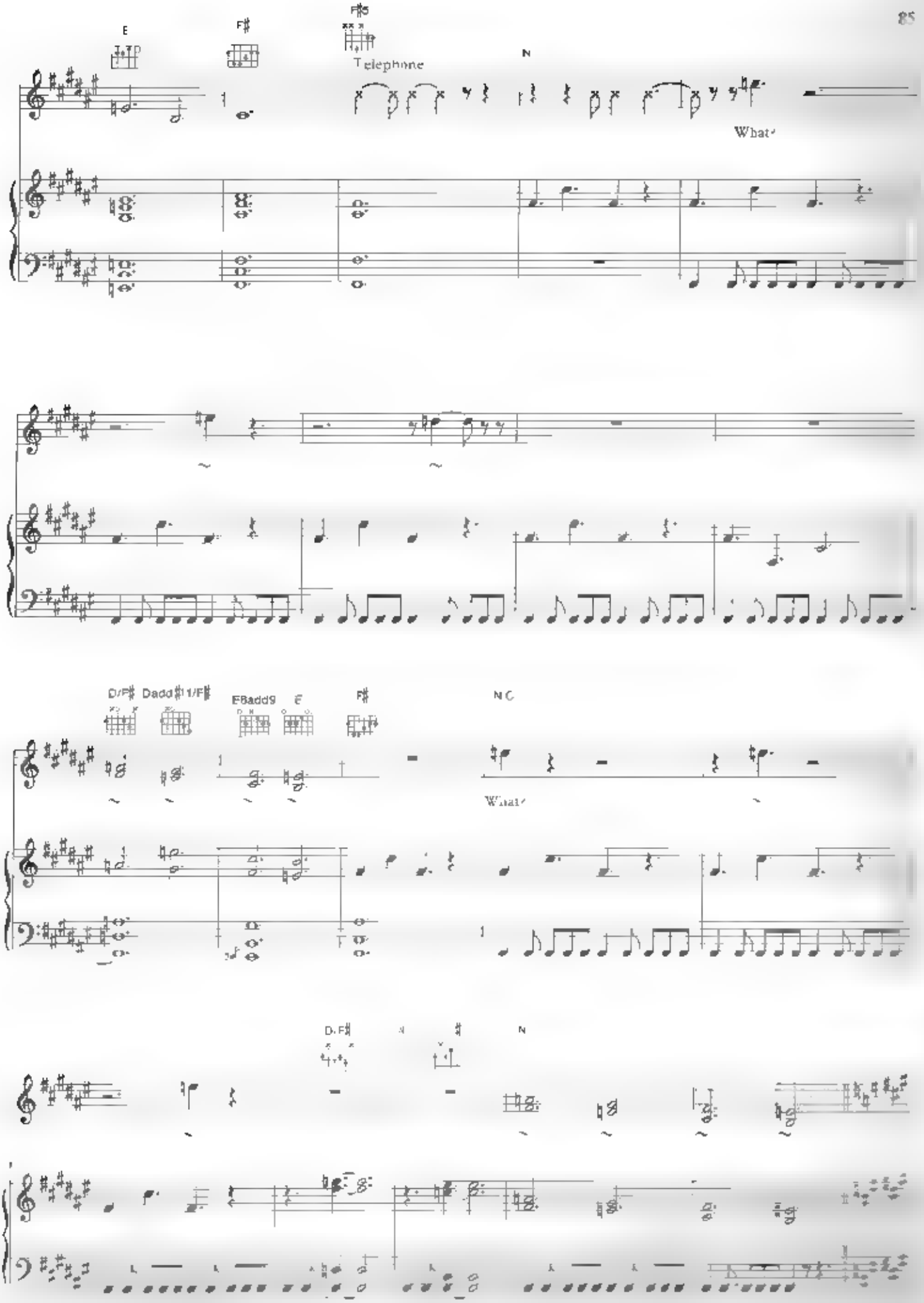
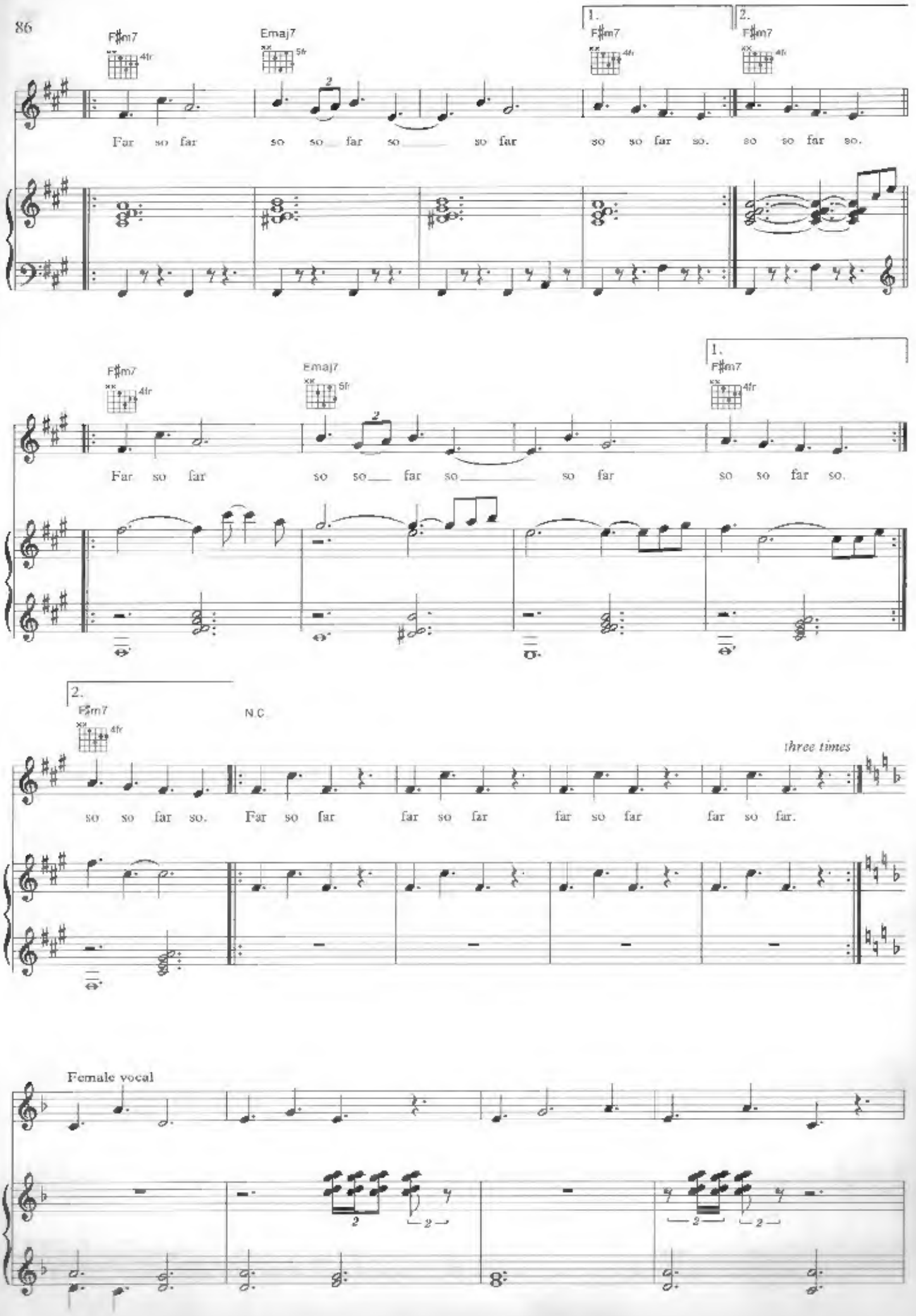
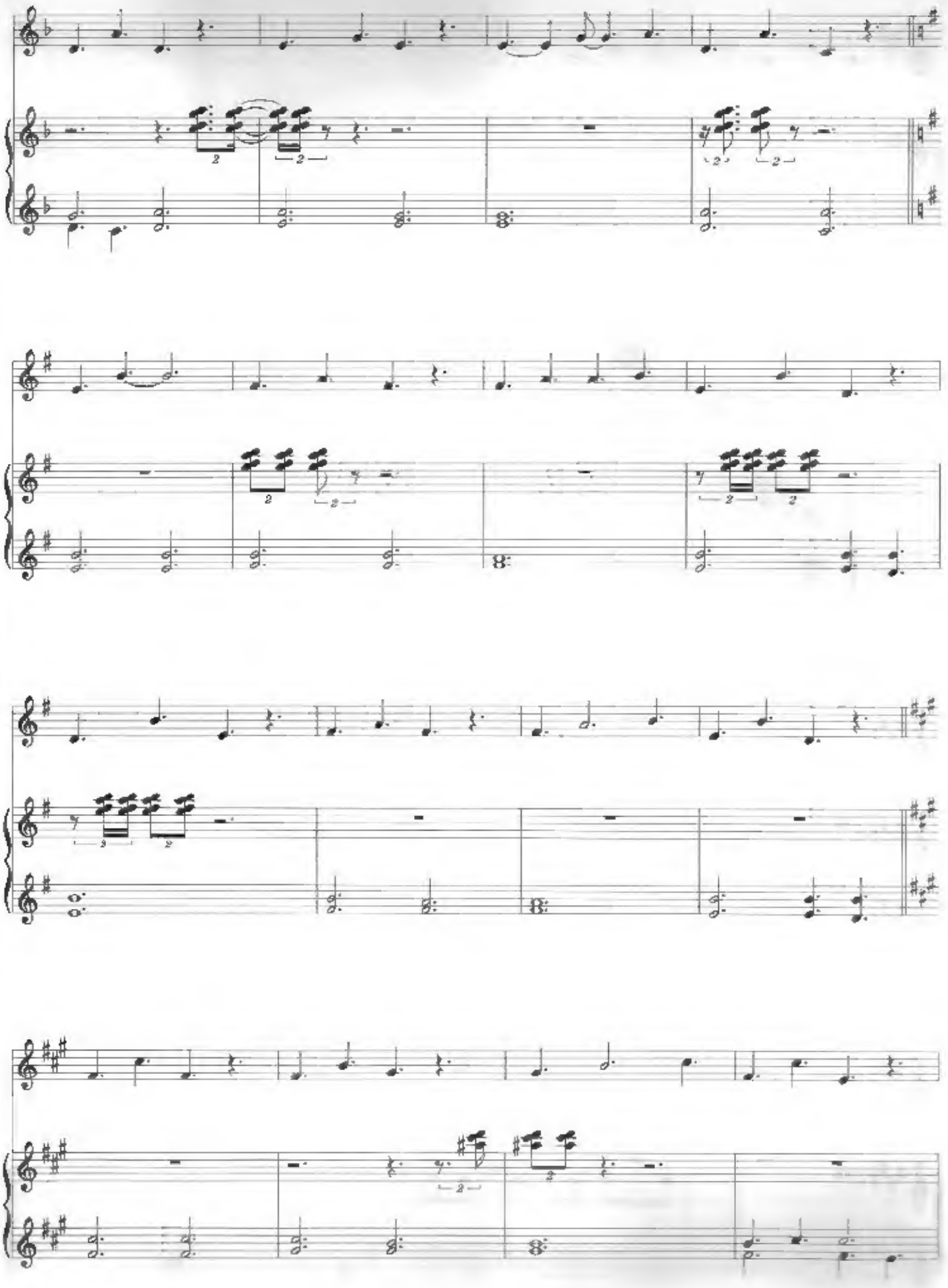
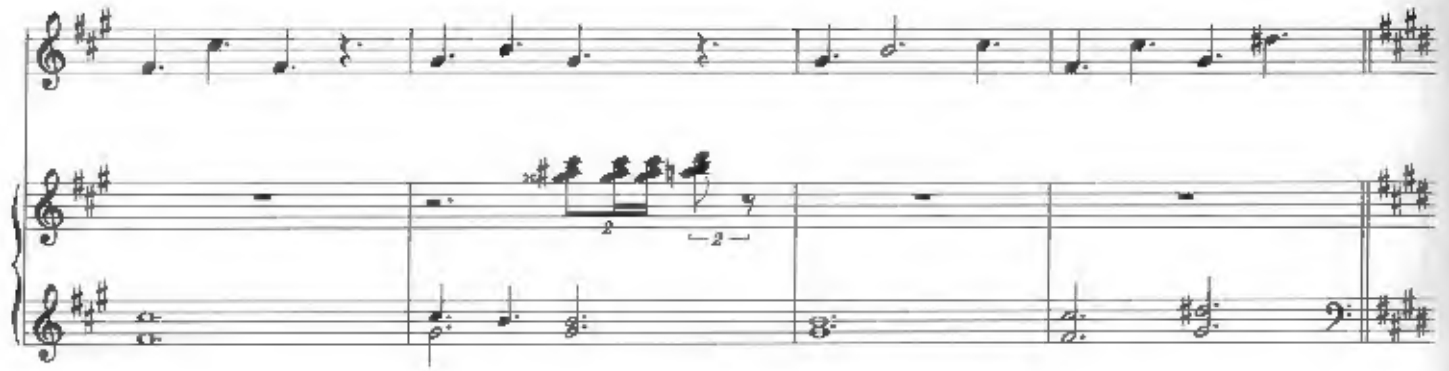
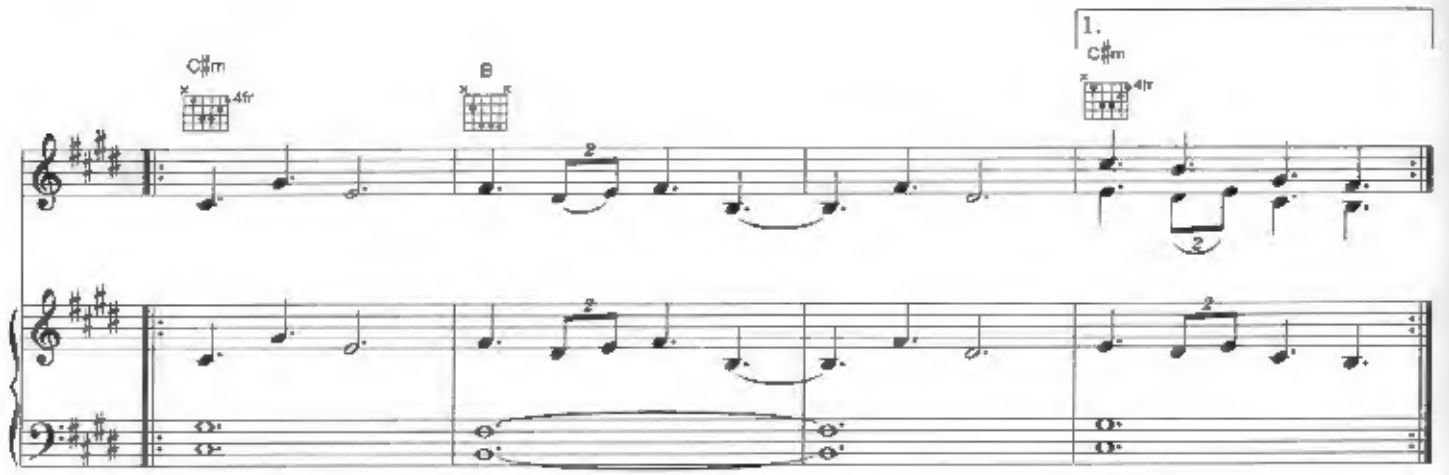

C♯m F♯
C♯ F♯
B F♯
our times
So far so far so far so far so far so far so
D♯m7
C♯
B
So far so far so far so far so far so far so far so
N C
C♯
B
So far so far so far so far so far so far so far so
N C
C♯
B
Synth
D
far so far so far so far so far so

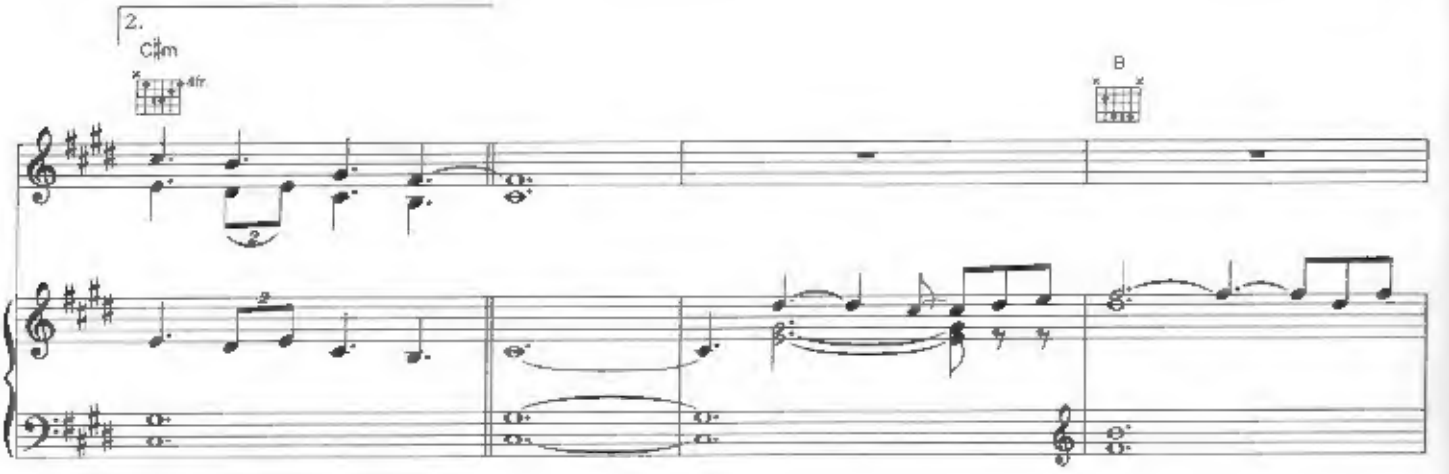

E
F♯
F♯5
Telephone
N
What?
D/F♯
Dadd♯11/F♯
EBadd9
E
F♯
N.C.
What?
D.F♯
N
N

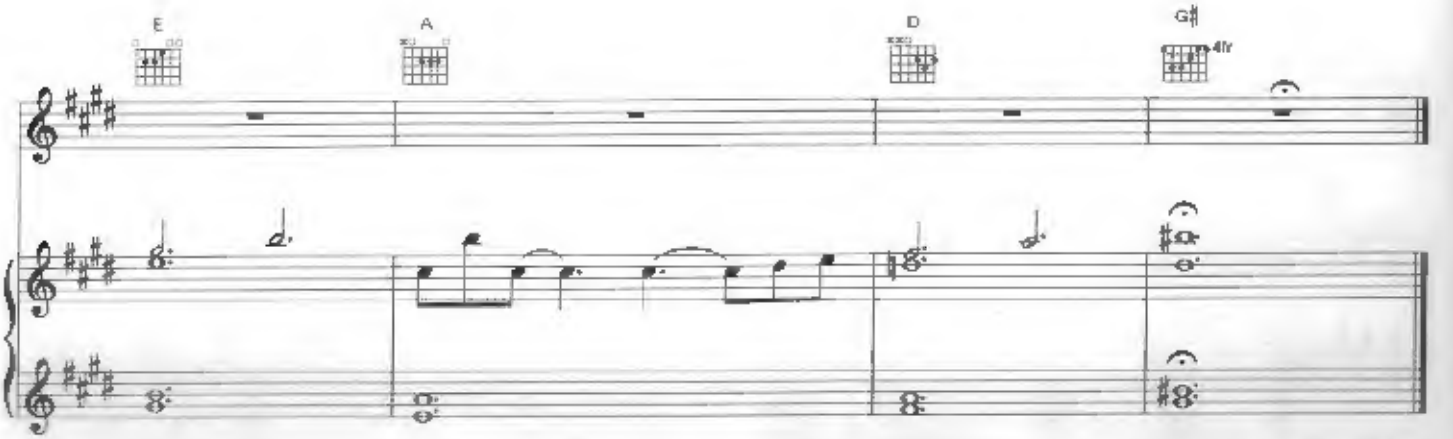

F♯m7
Emaj7
1.
2.
Far so far so so far so so far so so far so. so so far so.
F♯m7
Emaj7
1.
Far so far so so far so so far so so far so.
2.
F♯m7
N.C.
three times
so so far so. Far so far far so far far so far far so far.
Female vocal





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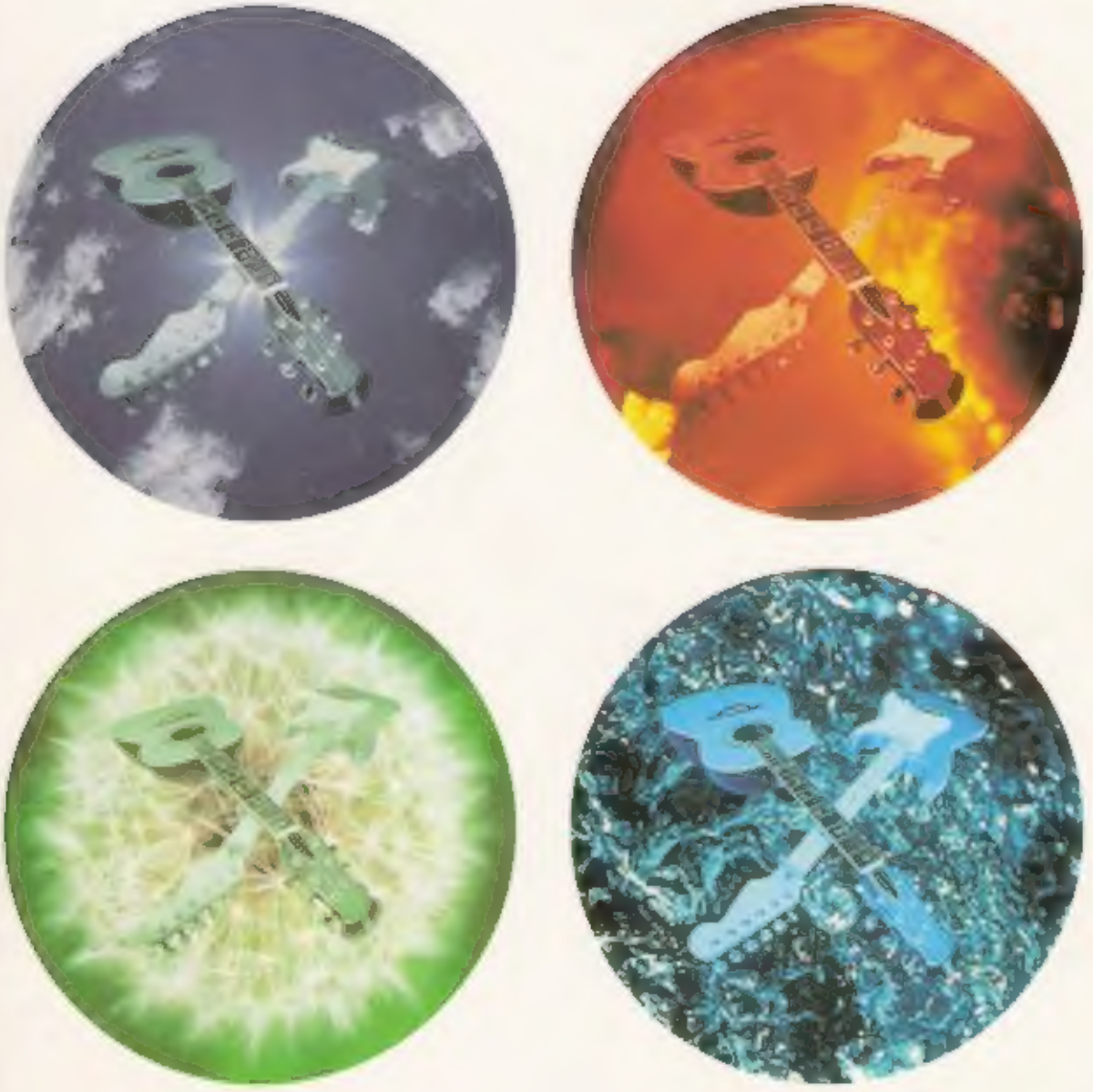

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